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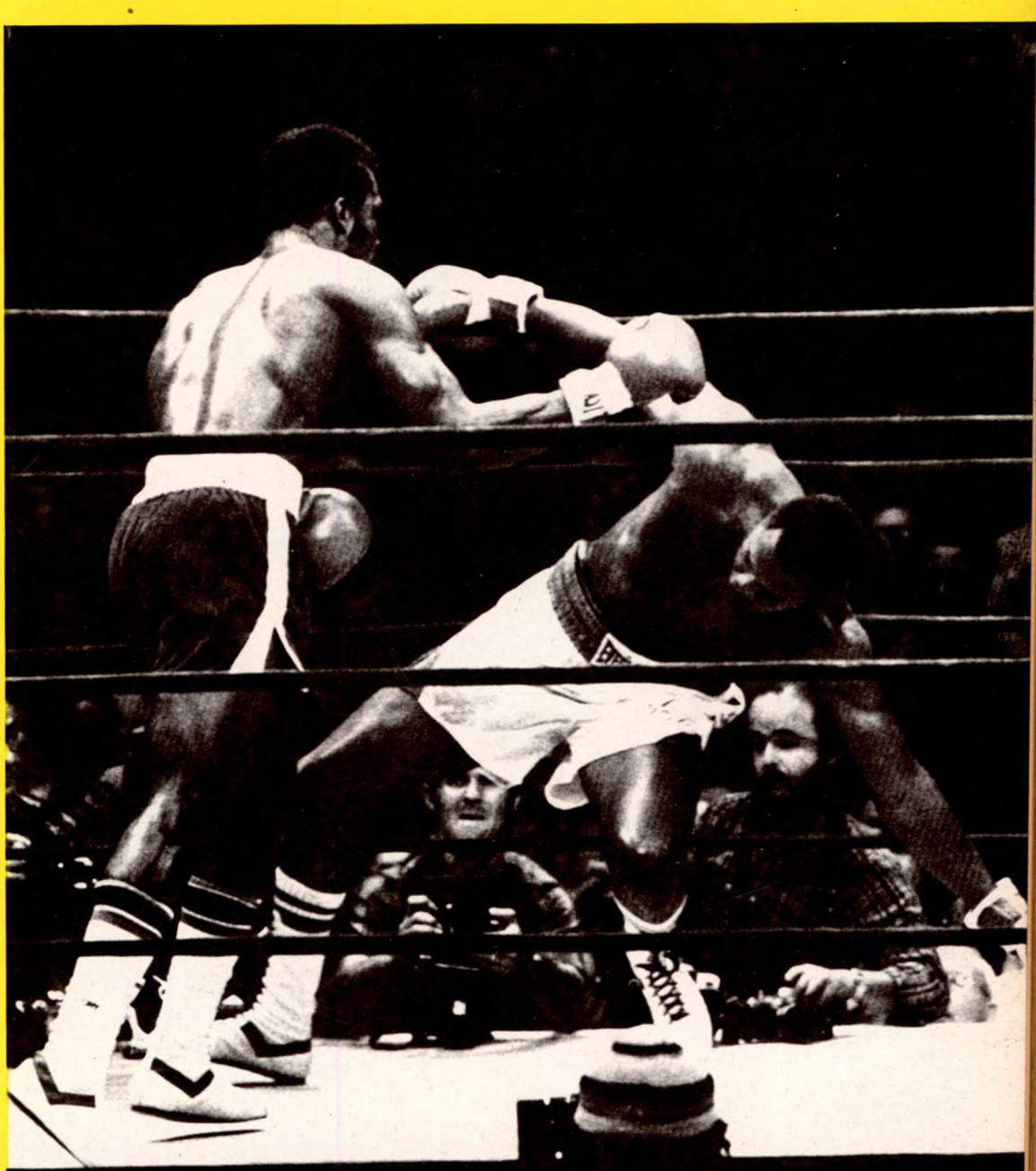

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AS I SEE IT

AN EDITORIAL

BY NAT LOUBET, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

Time was, in boxing, when a few of the top calibre fighters would often carry an opponent if the fight was a good one and the fans could be induced to pay their money for return engagements. Of course, this was all decades ago, before the game was cleansed of improprieties.

However, things do occur in our present age of pugilism that often cause questions to be raised and one to pause in puzzling thought.

The recent Carlos Zarate versus Lupe Pintor WBC bantamweight title fight in which Zarate, the champion, lost his title on a split decision to Pintor was, at its best, a horrible decision. It further proved the necessity for a Federal Boxing Commission.

Judges Harold Buck and Art Lurie scored it 143-142 for Pintor and judge Bob Martin had it 145 to 143 for Zarate. I scored it 145 to 138 for Zarate and I believe that the judges voting for Pintor should be forced to take eye examinations.

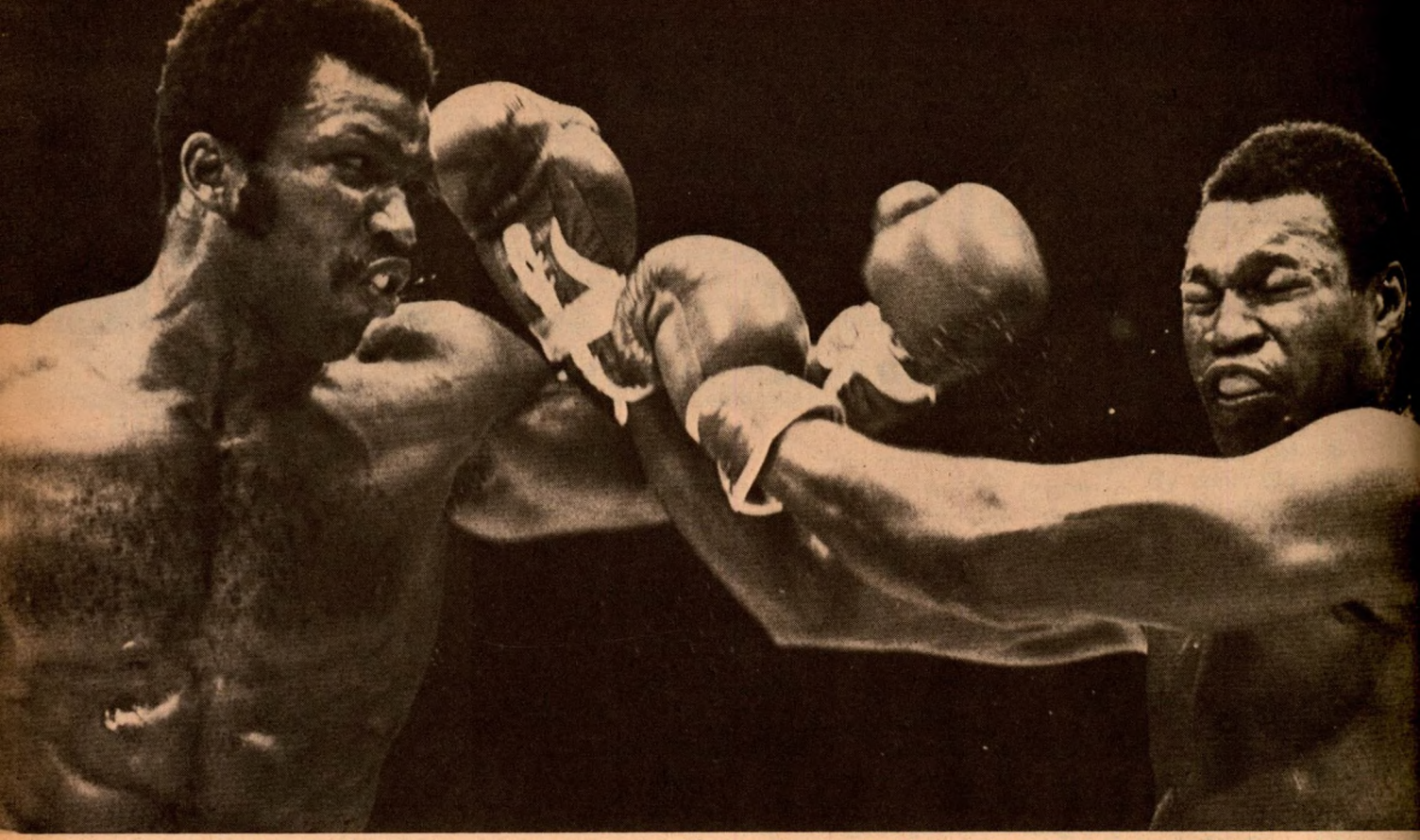
The fact that both fighters were stablemates under the aegis of manager Arturo (Cuyo) Hernandez have caused some comments of unfavorable nature. However, the WBC saw no impropriety in both fighters having the same manager and that fact has no bearing on the case. The problem was the unbelievable decision and how the two judges who voted for Pintor came to their conclusions.

The fact that Zarate received around $150,000 and Pintor $40,000 for their night's efforts have led some experts to look for hidden motives, considering that a rematch would seem inevitable. How-some-ever, since when has a rematch meant that something funny is going on? Look into *The Ring Record Book* and see how many rematches have been the order of the day.

As a matter of fact, a rematch is certainly in order to rectify the wrong done to Zarate based on the bad decision. I can understand how fans might get the wrong idea when they see two fighters who were under one manager, but it would be unfair to Pintor to deny him a shot at the title because he was unfortunate enough to have been in the same stable as Zarate.

Since there are no rules to prevent stablemates from meeting, it would behoove the WBC to look into the matter and decide if, in the future, fighters should be allowed to meet if they are in the same stable. It would be simple enough for a fighter to take on a new manager in order to get a title shot. Maybe this would solve the unfavorable publicity problem. But, it sure won't solve the bad decision situation.

It would seem that the World Boxing Council should look into the problem and attempt to prevent these bad decision problems from arising. A Federal Commission would have the power to insure that all officials are under the gun, and, not only know their jobs, but understand how they are to follow them out. At least glasses could be given to those needing them!



U.S. heavyweight champion Mike Weaver tags World Boxing Council champ Larry Holmes with a left during the second round of their WBC title fight in Madison Square Garden. Weaver made things very tough for Holmes in the first ten rounds.

WEAVER NO PATSY! HOLMES WINS TOUGH ONE

By NAT LOUBET

Madison Sq. Garden, N.Y. – It has been a long time since there has been such activity among top ranked heavyweights and an even longer time since that activity has been laced with such surprises. First, John Tate took on the South African, Kallie Knoetze and beat him from pillar to post, knocking him stiff in eight rounds. Then, Leon Spinks, former heavyweight champion of the world, looked like a rank amateur as he was outgunned by the South African, Gerrie Coetzee, and laid to rest in one round. Then, Jimmy Young, fat and ungainly, stopped a rising prospect, Wendell Bailey, in 2:37 of the third round to halt Bailey's bid for national recognition.

The biggest upset in heavyweight competition was the stand made by Mike "Hercules" Weaver, recognized by *The Ring* as the U.S. heavyweight champion, but not seriously considered as a top heavyweight in other quarters. Weaver went twelve rounds against Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council version of world heavyweight champion, and for ten rounds it was anyone's fight.

Going into the fight, the odds against Weaver were astronomical and it would have been hard to place a bet on the challenger.

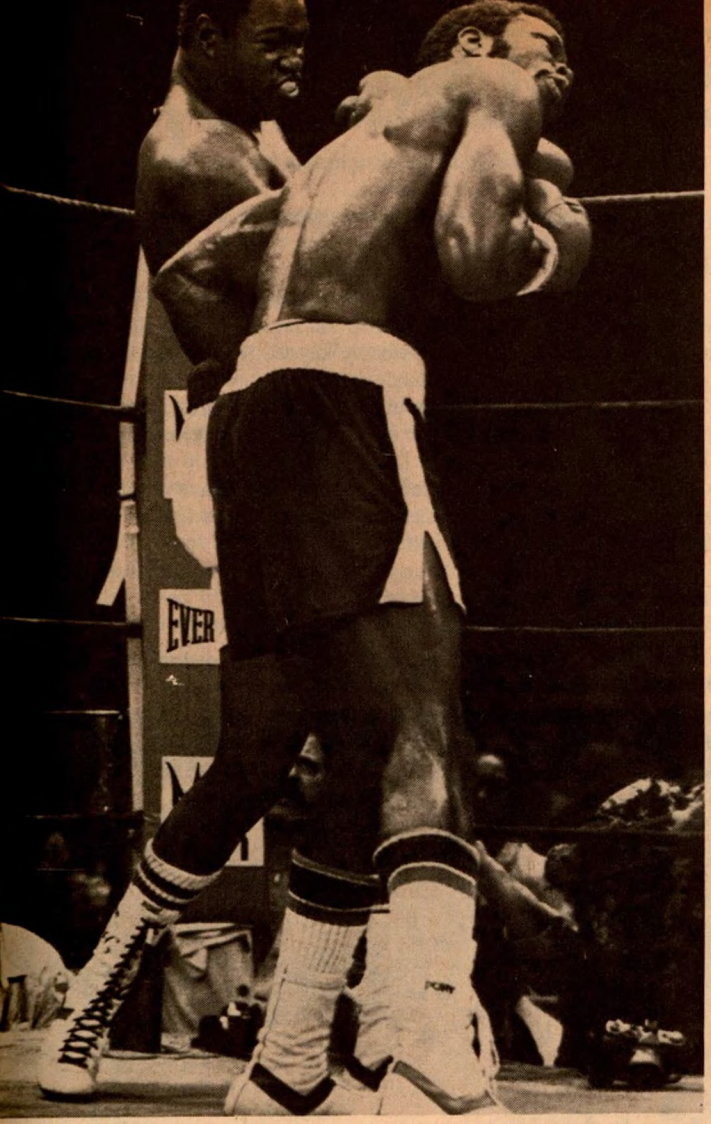
It was in the eleventh round, with both Weaver and Holmes on the point of exhaustion and with it being anyone's fight, that a right uppercut by Holmes dropped Weaver for a count of 8. At that time in the contest it was a question of which fighter could land a soporific smack. Weaver dragged himself to his feet and was saved by the bell. He stumbled back to his corner and was still in trouble when the bell rang for the last round of the fight–round twelve. This was the round that spelled finish to Weaver's dreams and the scheduled fifteen rounder was over when Holmes swarmed into Weaver with a series of lefts and rights that drove him to the ropes, where, after forty-four seconds, referee Harold Valan stepped between both fighters and signified that the contest was over.

The fight began with a smug, confident Holmes, 215 pounds, flexing his muscles and moving around an ever forward moving Weaver at 202 pounds. Holmes was sparring, looking for the opening to throw his combinations. Both men threw left jabs, with little action.

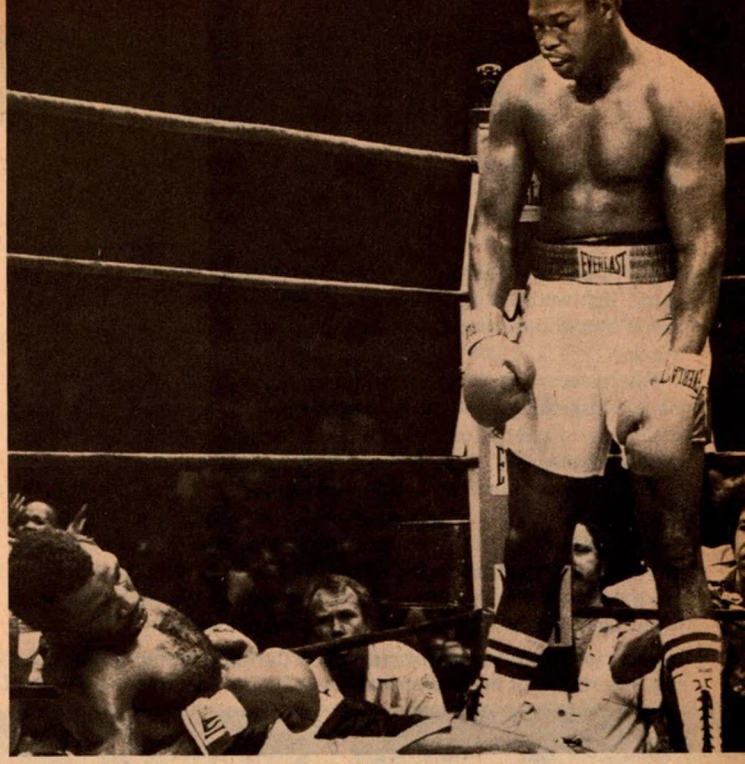
The second round began in much the same fashion with Holmes quickening the tempo and landing with harder left jabs and Weaver taking them easily, proving that he had a good jaw and could take a punch.

The third heat was a duplicate of the first two sessions with a most persistant Weaver moving into the champion and giving as good as he was taking. Holmes appeared suprised that Weaver was not the set up he was prepared to face. Prior to the contest, Weaver was considered by most as a warm up for Holmes' scheduled title bout with Earnie Shavers later this year.

As round four began, it was obvious that Holmes was taking no



This is the punch that may have saved Holmes' title. It was a right hand to the head of Weaver near the end of the eleventh round.



Weaver is down from the punch. He gamely struggled to his feet before the count of ten and then the bell rang, saving him. Holmes, however, took him out in the next round.

chances. He pulled back constantly, using his left jab to pile up points. But then the aggressive, constant pressure that his challenger exerted paid off, and after taking a series of left jabs, Weaver moved in quickly and landed a punishing left hook and a right cross. Another long right hand to Holmes' head sent him backward and to the canvas, with referee Harold Valan ruling it as no knockdown, but a slip. Holmes bounced to his feet but looked bad, as Weaver controlled the remainder of the round.

In round five, Weaver charged out to meet the champion and landed good blows to the midsection and jaw of Holmes that caused him to break ground, back pedal, and keep out of harm's way by flicking his left jab. His face showed his concern and the derisive smile that carved his lips in earlier rounds was replaced by a perplexed look.

It was obvious that Weaver had come to fight, that he was not overawed by being in Madison Square Garden, and that he was going to make the most of his big chance for fame and fortune.

Weaver refused to back up and opened up the sixth stanza with a solid smash to Holmes' body that caused the champion to wince. Holmes retreated and used his left jab to good advantage, now and then stopping to attempt a left and right combination to his hustling challenger's jaw. He was the boxer, attempting to stab to pieces his tormentor, but he was playing it safe.

The seventh round was Holmes' best best showing up to that point as he stopped his flight and forced Weaver back with some heavy body blows. Weaver did manage a good right hand to Holmes' head but Holmes countered with his own right to shake up his challenger and Weaver was hurt.

In the ninth round, both fighter were showing the fast pace and it was evident that they were very tired gladiators. Weaver was still coming in with Holmes circling and then standing, attempting to use his superior boxing ability to beat Weaver to the punch.

The tenth round began with Holmes dancing and throwing lefts, flicking them at the slow, in-moving Weaver. In the closing seconds of the round, Weaver landed a beautiful right hand on Holmes' jaw and only the bell saved Holmes from a knockdown. The eleventh and twelfth rounds changed the entire picture and ended Weaver's bid for glory.

14,136 people paid $771,982 at the gate to witness the fight at the Garden, which was not televised by any of the networks. None of the TV networks would take the fight because of the belief that Weaver lacked credentials to give Holmes a serious fight. This was the first heavyweight championship fight that had not been carried by a network since the Ali-Norton fight back in 1976. The show was seen, however, on closed circuit television and Home Box Office paid $200,000 to use it on their cable.

After the fight Weaver stated that he felt that he deserved another shot at Holmes or the winner of the Holmes fight with Earnie Shavers. It is doubtful if Holmes will want anymore of Weaver who on several occasions during their meeting came within a smidgen of winning the WBC crown.

Holmes' next opponent, Earnie Shavers, in an interview prior to the fight, gave vent to the feelings that were common to most sport writers and ring buffs when he stated: "Larry knows what he's doing; he's not doing any worrying about this one." Shavers didn't think that Holmes was taking any chances by putting his title on the line against Weaver.

How wrong can you be! Weaver is no Ali, but he showed raw courage, an ability to give and take a punch, and served notice that he must be seriously considered as a future threat to top ranked heavies. As for Holmes, he showed a lack of power punching, a good mastery of boxing basics, a lack of wanting to get hurt (But then, who does?), and the mistake of taking opponents too lightly. It could have been costly.

DURAN BEATS PALOMINO;

By JOHN ORT

Madison Sq. Garden, N.Y.–Roberto Duran of Panama, the former world lightweight king, won a one-sided ten-round unanimous decision over former world welterweight champion Carlos Palomino of Mexico.

Palomino, a notoriously slow starter, never got untracked. Roberto came out smoking, just like in the good old days of his championship reign. He tagged Carlos with left hooks and rights to the head which, if nothing else, got Palomino's attention.

Carlos was stunned by Duran's attack over the next three rounds. The former welter king was almost out in the third, as Duran connected with a right lead and three left hooks, but he survived.

The fourth was Carlos' best round of the bout. He landed his best weapon, a left hook, right on the chin of the oncoming Duran. This is the same punch that had ended many a fight for King Carlos. This time, however–nothing! Duran laughed at him and kept on coming like a Sherman tank out of control.

The only place that Carlos held the upperhand was in the infighting. Here his strength showed, but as the bout wore on, Duran took over this part, too.

Duran's biggest moment came in the sixth round. He knocked Palomino down with a lead right to the jaw. Carlos took the eight-count, but was not in danger of being kayoed. Palomino was backing off when hit and was off balance at the time.

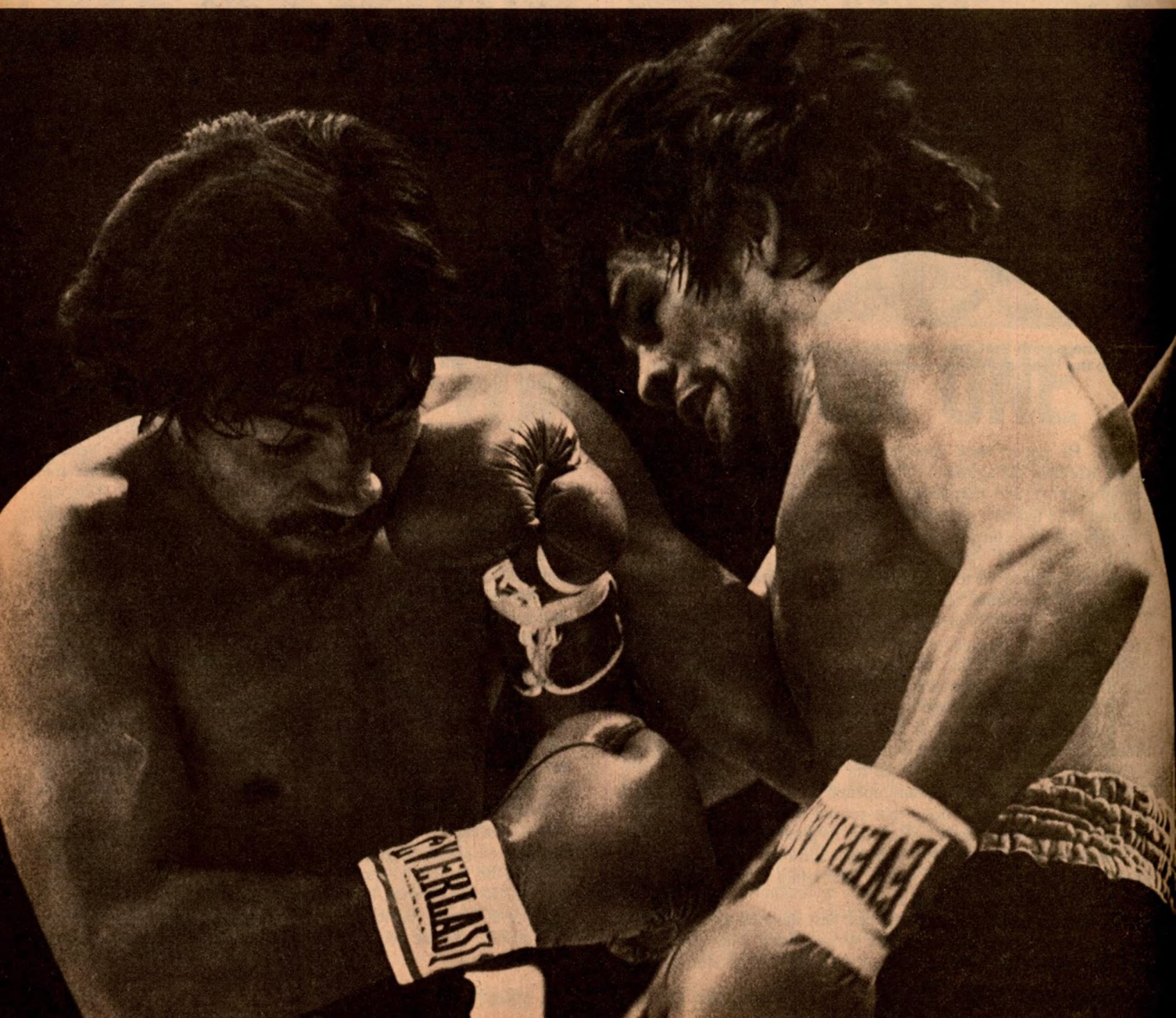
Roberto really put the pressure on in the last three rounds, going for the kayo. Palomino held on and grabbed as the former lightweight king's punches began to lose their power.

Carlos was cut below his left eye, above the right eye, and behind the left ear at the end of the contest. Duran looked like he could go another ten; he was unmarked.

The three officials, including referee Arthur Mercante, all called the contest 99-90, or 9-1 in rounds.

Palomino later said it was his last fight. "I may not have it anymore.

Former world welterweight champion Carlos Palomino, left, and former world lightweight king Roberto Duran battle it out closely in the first round of their ten-round bout in Madison Square Garden. Duran won unanimous decision.



YOUNG STOPS BAILEY

They say a fighter is the last to know, but I want to be the first. I think it's over.''

Duran, in his dressing room, said ''Carlos was not slow; I was just too fast.''

Duran's next bout, he hopes, will be against WBA welterweight king Jose Cuevas of Mexico in September or October.

Former top ranked heavyweight Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, looked like a clone of Leroy Jones as he battled Baltimore's Wendell Bailey in a ten-round contest.

Young, 237 or more–the weigh-in was held the day before the bout–looked bad, as Bailey almost knocked him out in the first round and hurt him in the second.

Jimmy came on with his new found power (237 pounds) to deck Wendell with two left hooks and a right in the third and finish him off on the ropes as referee Billy Graham halted the contest at 2:37 of the round.

Young better think twice before he decides to enter the ring against a ranked contender. In the shape he is in now, a nice man like himself could get hurt, and that would be sad.

Willie Rodriguez, Allentown, Pa., junior welterweight, won the biggest bout of his career when he outpointed local Ruby Ortiz over eight rounds.

Rodriguez, 141, used his long reach and counterpunching style to gain a unanimous decision over Ortiz, 140¼.

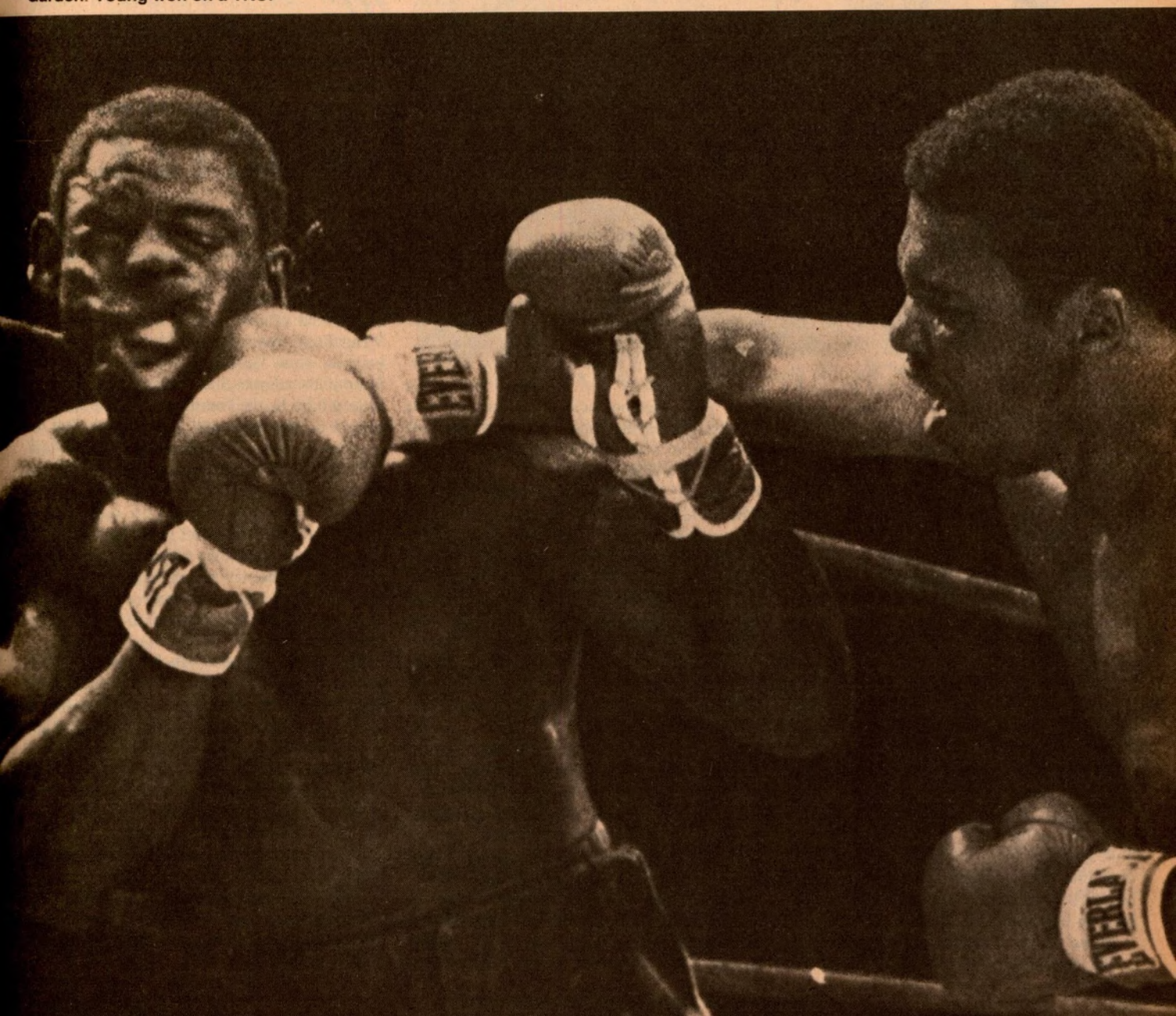
Middleweight Mike Baker, 159½, did not look good against a little known Memphis boxer called Clarence Gilmore.

Baker looked like a champion in spots, tagging Gilmore at will, but as soon as Clarence threw a punch–and he didn't throw that many–Baker would back off.

Referee Arthur Mercante halted the bout at 2:59 of the fourth and declared Gilmore, 154½, outclassed.

In the opening bout of the evening, John Compo, 143, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., halted Leon Williams, 147, Miami, at 2:11 of the third round of a scheduled six. In the chaser, Raymon Roman, 130¼, Barceloneta, Puerto Rico, won a four-round split decision over Dan Daniels, 132½, Newark, N.J.

Wendell Bailey's face shows the full impact of a Jimmy Young right hand in the third round of their scheduled ten-rounder in the Garden. Young won on a TKO.



John Tate lands a hard right to the head of South Africa's Kallie Knoetze in their scheduled twelve-round bout in Independence Stadium, Mmabatho. Tate TKO'd Knoetze in the eighth.

TATE TAKES OUT KNOETZE

By ED CLARK

Mmabatho, Boputhatswana–John Tate, from the U.S.A., defeated South African Kallie Knoetze in two minutes and fifty-five seconds of the eighth round when referee Isidore Rodriguez stopped the fight as Knoetze was receiving a battering. Knoetze was let by the referee on wobbly feet to his corner. It was a great victory for Tate, who now meets the winner of the Spinks-Coetzee fight in Monte Carlo at the end of June.

Knoetze won the first three rounds with Tate taking the remainder in a contest scheduled for twelve rounds.

The first blow Knoetze threw was a right that caught Tate on the forehead. Tate sent on the retreat with Knoetze after him. A short left hook scored but lacked power. Both boxers were wary then. Knoetze used a short left hook and Tate shot back with a left jab. Knoetze was still pressing forward in the second with Tate backing away and countering with jabs and left hooks. Knoetze was effective with a left hook and a right and showing aggression. Tate scored with hard left jabs that sent Knoetze's head back.

Knoetze's best opportunity came in the third when he scored with a powerful left hook. Tate stumbled into the ropes and Knoetze was after him but was wild with his blows. Tate countered with short lefts and rights and was moving backwards all the time.

In the fourth, Tate scored with a long left to the head and moved forward for the first time in the fight. In close quarters, it was Tate doing the damage, hooking the South African with both hands. Knoetze was wild with his blows. Right at the bell Knoetze dropped his hands and was hit with a hard left hook that made him wobble back to his corner. Tate was right on top in the fifth, boxing beautifully, mixing his attack from head to body and scoring well. Knoetze was hoping to land a big blow, but lacked power and direction. Knoetze was caught on the ropes and short lefts and rights found their mark although Knoetze did score with a right.

Knoetze, in the sixth, was an easy target for Tate, who jabbed and hooked. Then the fighters went into a clinch. Knoetze's left eye was closing and Tate was scoring on the target–lefts and rights and another hefty left to the head. Knoetze bored into Tate, throwing lefts and rights. Tate again caught Knoetze on the ropes in the seventh, cutting loose with both hands. Knoetze was laying on his opponent, doing little. Combinations came from Tate and Knoetze was visibly tired but did connect with an overarm left.

In the eighth round, Knoetze went forward after his man but Tate hit him hard with a right to the jaw. Then Tate "lowered the boom," found the range, and mercilessly hammered Knoetze, who just had his courage left. Tate continued the onslaught until the referee stepped in to end the "massacre in Mmabatho."

Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini, South African middleweight champion, knocked out Gary Guiden, U.S.A., in the fourth round of a scheduled ten-round bout. Both fighters wasted little time on preliminaries but went on the attack from the first round with the crowd cheering. It was a close quarter fight with both firing in rapid blows. Guiden's left hook scored but the South African southpaw Zulu showed no effect. Guiden was very fast but "Tap Tap" was scoring with left hooks to the body to slow Guiden down. It was a clean fight with referee Stan Christodoulou doing little work. In the fourth round, Guiden was caught on the ropes and a right hook sent his gum guard flying. The American fought back strongly but Makhathini swarmed in, throwing blows, and a left hook sent Guiden reeling along the ropes.

Jimmy Abbott showed great potential with more boxing savvy than hitherto displayed. He had been Knoetze's sparring partner. He knocked out Tate's sparring partner, Dave Johnson, in the third round of their heavyweight bout.

Harold Volbrecht, South African welter title holder, beat Johnny Gant, U.S.A., on points over ten rounds. Volbrecht was off in timing in the first five as he tried to end the fight early, and, as a result, missed badly. Gant was off balance in the second and a right put him down, but he was up immediately. Gant used a left jab with effect but was often warned for holding. Volbrecht caught Gant in the eighth and the American was shaken. Volbrecht was impressive.

Mike Schutte former heavyweight champion of South Africa and American Dwain Bonds from the Tate camp, fought a draw over eight rounds.

COETZEE IN ONE ROUND!

Stops Spinks At 2:03 Of Opening Session

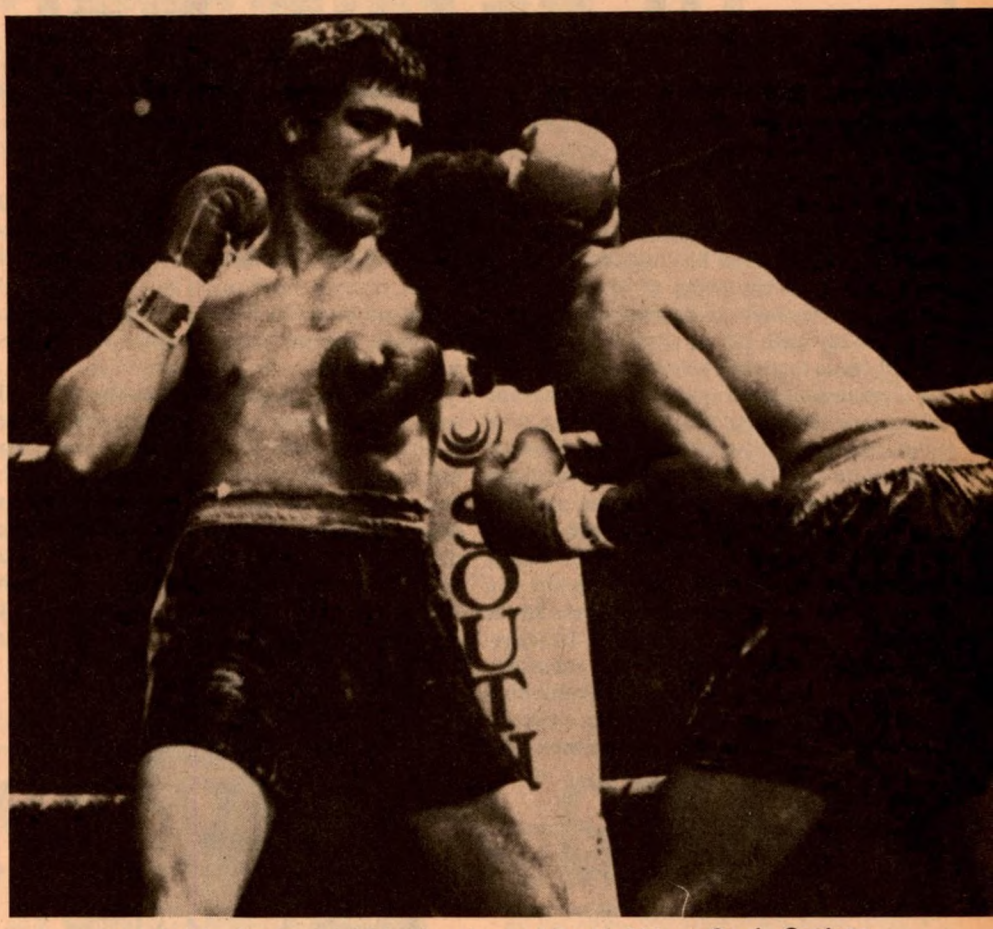
By ARTHUR REMBERT

Former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks suffered one of the most embarrassing losses that a fighter can endure when he was knocked out in one round by the relatively unknown Gerrie Coetzee. When your writer says relatively unknown, he is referring to the general public, for as far as boxing people are concerned, Gerrie Coetzee is well known. The 25-year-old South African heavyweight champion is undefeated as a professional with a record of 22-0 with twelve knockouts, including Spinks.

Leon Spinks? We all know Leon Spinks; he's the ex-marine who had an outstanding amateur career which he capped off by winning a gold medal as a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic boxing team. Leon's medal winning effort against tough Cuban Sixto Soria was dubbed by many as the best bout of the finals. After turning to the pug-for-profit circuit with a 5th round kayo over Bobby Smith in January of 1977, Leon had six more fights (winning five and drawing one) and the next thing you know, he's in Las Vegas standing in the corner opposite the greatest himself, Muhammad Ali with the title on the line yet.

As we all know, Leon Spinks, with but seven fights under his belt, did what Earnie Shavers, Ken Norton, Ron Lyle, Floyd Patterson and Joe Bugner couldn't do. Leon Spinks *took* the heavyweight title away from Muhammad Ali. The rematch was another story. Spinks fought a good fight albeit a losing one where Ali spanked him for his insubordination and promptly dispatched him to the alsoranville which is commonly known as the heavyweight division. Nevertheless, young Leon did in fact whip the legend and for this feat alone he has as Joe Frazier and Ken Norton before him, been enshrined in the trivia hall of fame.

The bout with Coetzee, which was sanctioned by the WBA as an official eliminator to find a successor to the throne started fast with Spinks off very quickly. Indeed, Spinks who can best be described as a swarmer who likes to mix it, started fast even for Leon Spinks. Their was no take it easy and see what this guy has in Leon's attack and it ultimately cost him the fight. Coetzee is a stick and move boxer type who likes to use the entire ring. He never had an opportunity to do what he does best because of the Spinks pressure so he did the only thing that he could do and that was to fight back. Although Leon's pressure was incessant, it was wild and amateurish.



Leon Spinks lands a right to the chest of South African Gerrie Coetzee.

Coming out of a corner trap, Coetzee landed a nice left-right combination which drew a laugh from Spinks to show the crowd of 1,500, which included Prince Ranier of Monaco, that the punches did not hurt. Before he could take the smile off his face however, Coetzee landed a left hook and an overhand right which knocked Spinks down and guess what . . . . . he wasn't smiling. Say what you want about Leon's smarts but when he got up and took his mandatory eight-count standing, his natural aggressiveness told him to go back to the attack while his common sense told him to hold on until his head cleared. He listened to common sense a bit late because the knockdown had made him too weak to tie Coetzee up effectively. Coetzee, who is not known as a power fighter, simply pushed Leon off, then went back to his job of mailing special delivery right hands to the chin.

Another left right combination sent Spinks to the canvas again where he once more took his mandatory eight count on his feet.

By now even Ray Charles could see that Spinks was in *big* trouble. With victory smelling like a thirty dollar sirloin, Coetzee sent Spinks sprawling into the ropes with still another right hand. It was while Spinks was tangled in the ropes that mercy was bestowed. The official ending goes into the books as a kayo win for Gerrie Coetzee at 2:03 of the first round.

For Gerrie Coetzee, who not only is South African heavyweight champion but is ranked number two by *The Ring* as well as having a victory over the much better known other South African heavyweight, Kallie Knoetze, it's on to a shot at the vacant WBA heavyweight title, should Muhammad Ali retire as promised. For Leon Spinks who *is* well known for a variety of reasons, it's back to the drawing board.

KIM DEFEATS GUISSEPPI TO RETAIN WBC TITLE

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Seoul, Korea–WBC junior welterweight champion Kim Sang-Hyun, a tall southpaw speedster, engaged in his first defense and defeated Fitzroy Guisseppi of Trinidad by a unanimous decision in fifteen hard-fought rounds. They each hit the deck before an estimated seven thousand witnesses at Changchung Gymnasium in the capital of South Korea.

Having wrested the WBC throne via a thirteenth-round upset kayo from Thai Saensak Muangsurin last December, the Korean champ was originally scheduled to face top notcher Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico, whose alleged heroin affair caused several postponements and eventual cancellation. Guisseppi, the 31-year-old champion of Central and South America, became a substitute for DeJesus. Despite the challenger's inferior record of 40-10-5, he gave a lot of trouble to the prohibitive favorite, Kim, especially in the eleventh round, when he almost turned the tables by dropping the Korean champ with a strong right.

Mexican referee A. Chabari saw the rough-and-tumble bout 146-142, while Korean judges Kim Kwang-Su and Choe Yong-Chun had it 148-141 and 146-140, all in favor of the defending champ.

The 24-year-old Kim, standing 5'9," made a good start, as he displayed his superiority in speed of hand and foot, flooring Fitzroy with a sharp left to the jaw midway in the second round.

However, the shorter veteran beat the count, and began to utilize such good defensive tactics, ducking and head slipping, that Kim was unable to follow up effectively enough to finish the challenger.

They were fighting almost on even terms, although the younger Kim tossed more blows at the defensive Fitzroy, whose occasional long rights made the lefthander cautious.

In round eleven, the partisan crowd was on its feet, as Kim Sang-Hyun collapsed from Fitzroy's wicked right for a mandatory eight count.

Luckily enough, Kim was saved by the bell.

The Trinidad challenger went all out for a knockout in the next round, and sent plenty of punches to the face and midsection. Kim, however, managed to endure the desperate two-fisted attack of Fitzroy. The older newcomer might have exhausted most of his stamina then, as he threw fewer blows in the last three rounds. Kim, seven years his junior, regained his bearing and commenced retaliating with long one-twos. The fifteenth and final session saw Kim connect with heavy punches and put Fitzroy on the canvas for the second time.

The triumph was Kim's twenty-eighth win, including seventeen kayos, against two defeats and two draws.

The victor, Sang-Hyun, frankly said, "I have never received such a strong shot as he (Guisseppi) landed in the eleventh round. He was a very elusive fighter, so I couldn't catch him with my favorite combinations. It was only my fighting spirit that overcame the punch. I have to strengthen my power and study more technique in order to cope with such challengers with flexible body movement as Guisseppi."

WBC junior welter champion Kim Sang-Hyun

Fitzroy looked a good loser, saying, "Kim was a stylish boxer with speed and guts. It was unlucky I couldn't score a finisher in round eleven. The second-round knockdown. . . .that was damaging me mentally, so I lost my usual rhythm for awhile."

The lefty champ will put his WBC title on the line again within ninty days, against Saul Mamby of the U.S. or one of two Japanese challengers, Masahiro Yokai and Noboru Hatakeyama. Though rated highly because of his upset win over former titlist Saensak, Kim Sang-Hyun had better show real power in his forthcoming title defenses.

Kim, twenty-four, was born on March 15, 1955, in Pusan. He grew up as a son of a wholesale confectionary dealer and has led the life of a comparatively wealthy person. After graducating from high school, Kim began to learn how to box in Pusan. In September, 1973, when the lefty Kim was eighteen years of age, he made a good pro debut by winning a four-round decision over compatriot Kim Kyong-Un. The lanky speedster continued his winning streak, winning six out of seven bouts (with one draw) in 1974, had four wins against one draw in 1975, and remained unbeaten in four contests, winning all, in 1976.

The bright Korean hope, however, suffered his first bitter setback in Jakarta, Indonesia, in January, 1977, when he lost a twelve-round decision to local favorite and then Orient junior welterweight champ, Wongso Suseno, in a title contest. In spite of dropping Suseno on two occasions, a reportedly home town decision to the Indonesian defending champ.

The only other one of Kim's defeats was scored in the same Jakarta, he dropped another disputed nod to S. Bangariban in ten frames in July that year.

Kim, a speedful lefty, gained the OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) junior welterweight title by lopsidely beating Filipino Moises Cantoja in twelve heats last September. Moises was the brutal swinger who had dethroned Indonesian Suseno via a unanimous decison previously.

In his last bout prior to his ambitious crack at Thai Saensak's WBC throne, Kim faced Tongta Kiatvayupakdi of Thailand and demolished him with a wicked left in the fourth round in November of last year.

Though Korean people say that Kim has some room to improve, Sang-Hyun must be one of the most talented fighters in Korea.

LOPEZ KAYOES AYALA IN 15

Challenger Mike Ayala heads for the canvas following a flurry of punches in the fifteenth round of his world title fight with Danny Lopez. This fight will be a great contender for "Fight of the Year" honors.

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

World featherweight champion Danny Lopez never lost confidence in himself or his strategy, despite losing the first half of his fight with Texan Mike Ayala. Lopez's faith in himself paid off; he wore down and knocked out Ayala in the fifteenth round at the San Antonio Auditorium.

Lopez, from Los Angeles, put on one of the most exciting, dramatic fights seen in the lower weight divisions in years. Ayala deserves credit, too. At the end of ten rounds, the fight was dead even. From the way Ayala handled Lopez at times, one would have expected panic and desperation to set in on the 27-year-old champion. But Lopez never once lost his head. And Ayala never stopped trying to use every bit of fight in him to capture the world title.

After scoring knockdowns in the seventh and eleventh rounds, Lopez's blows began to land more frequently. Ayala rallied strongly in the thirteenth, but Lopez beat him off with a hard counter-offensive. In the fifteenth, Lopez landed a right hand that dropped Ayala for the full count. It was a sensational ending to a bitterly-contested struggle.

Lopez won the WBC title in November, 1976, when he beat David Kotey before over 100,000 in Ghana, Africa. In April of this year, *The Ring* gave Lopez recognition as world champion after he kayoed European Roberto Castanon in two rounds. Lopez, half Ute Indian, has now made seven successful WBC title defenses and has kayoed four different number one ranked contenders. Lopez has run his challengers into the canvas and no one in the immediate future, except possibly Ayala, appears a serious threat to him.

Lopez, 125, fought the same fight from the first round to the last. He won the first, but lost the next four. He lost them clearly, without question, and took a lot of punches to the head and body. Ayala countered him beautifully, and came off the ropes with stinging combinations.

In the seventh, Lopez dropped Ayala in the center of the ring with a left to the face. Ayala wasn't about to fold. He fought back fiercely in the eighth, and, in the ninth, he hurt the world champion in a hard exchange along the ropes.

Ayala, from San Antonio, came into the fight with a 22-1 record and a jammed crowd

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RANZANY STOPS GRAY

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

Sacramento, Calif.–Looking sharper than he has in the last two years, Pete Ranzany banged around crafty Clyde Gray and won by TKO in the fifth of a scheduled twelve-rounder after a cut prevented Gray from continuing.

Ranzany, 147, constantly pressured Gray, 147, opened a cut in the second above his left eye, scored well to the head and body, and finally busted the cut wide open in the fifth. The ringside doctor took one look and called the fight off. Later, Gray received fifteen stitches.

Few had expected that Ranzany would do so well. He was a slim 6-5 betting favorite over the eleven-year veteran from Toronto. Ranzany has not looked particularly sharp in his last few outings. Some have claimed that his defeat to champion Jose Cuevas last year and the rigors of training have taken his spirit out of the business. But Ranzany has dispelled those notions with a concentrated attack against a proven world class fighter.

The fight was for the North American Boxing Federation title, and Ranzany fought like his pride and future depended upon the outcome. Indeed, they did. In all likelihood, Ranzany's win will earn him a big money fight, probably on national TV, if his braintrust decides to take it.

"I knew I had to win this fight big," Ranzany said after the bout. "I feel I owe it to the fans. I have trouble fighting guys I've never heard of, cause it's hard for me to put everything into training. But I was up for Gray. It's easier for me to get prepared for a fighter with a big name."

Gray, thirty-two years old, holder of the British Commonwealth and Canadian welterweight titles, came into the fight with a 71-7-1 record. Gray has lost three title attempts in the past six years, dropping decisions to Jose Napoles and Angel Espada, and being stopped by Jose Cuevas.

After an even first round, Ranzany took charge in the second. He moved forward with confidence and threw sharp, rapid combinations behind a stiff jab. A solid right cross landed on some old scar tissue above Gray's left eye and blood seeped out.

In rounds two and three, Gray moved smartly, fought back, and caught Ranzany with some clean punches when he was stepping in. But Gray lacked enough power to hold Ranzany off him, which forced him to move more and throw less.

In the fifth, two right hand shots reopened and expanded the cut over Gray's eye. The referee summoned Dr. Montemeyer, who promptly halted the fight. All three officials had Ranzany ahead, 40-37, and it was the general feeling among reporters at ringside that Gray was headed for a kayo loss.

After the fight, Gray said, "I thought I was doing pretty good. I was just getting started. He bangs pretty well and he was throwing a lot of combinations. I think they should have let the fight go on at least to the end of the round."

The screaming 3,208 fans in attendance were howling wildly at every punch their hero threw and most, if not all, left the auditorium pleased beyond their expectations at Ranzany's performance. Herman Carter, Ranzany's trainer, was particularly pleased with Pete's right hand. "Pete was making a lot of good moves, but his right hand was very sharp tonight. He didn't wait, he threw it behind the jab and that's what really did the job."

A gate of $40,278 was a bit below what promoter Babe Griffin had hoped for. Ranzany made around $10,000, while Gray got a flat $12,500 plus expenses. Ranzany's record is

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GOMEZ KAYOES HERNANDEZ; ESPANA WINS WBA CROWN

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

Roberto Clemente Stadium, San Juan, Puerto Rico–Wilfred Gomez stretched his consecutive knockout streak to twenty-five when he starched Nicaraguan contender Jesus Hernandez in the fifth heat. Hernandez proved to be a major improvement over Gomez's previous rival, Dominican Cruz Tamariz. The Nicaraguan came to fight and proved to be a stubborn rival during the early rounds of combat. But Gomez proved to be too strong, too cool, and too clever against his unrushing but light hitting rival.

Hernandez's chief claim to fame was that he had never been stopped. He had faced junior lightweight champion Alexix Arguello on two occasions and had gone the full ten-round route with him both times. "I won the first one against Alexis, but they gave him the decision and that's why I got a return with him," said the challenger in a pre-fight comment. How much truth there is to this statement, we don't know. We do know that, against Gomez, he was around until the super bantam champ decided to open up with his explosive combinations, first to the body and then to the head.

"It was the left hooks to the body that had me going," said the Nicaraguan after the fight. The end came after he suffered three knockdowns in the fifth round. Referee Henry Elespuro did not even bother to count after the third fall, calling a halt with Hernandez flat on his back.

It was Gomez' seventh junior feather title defense, all by knockouts. He needs only three more kayoes to break Roberto Duran's championship knockout skein. "I've got Carlos Mendoza of Panama as my next opponent, on the Holmes-Shavers card, but what I'm really shooting for is a million dollar take against Danny (Red) Lopez for the featherweight title," said Gomez right after the fight.

"I was obligated to fight with Zarate when he was the champion of the lower division by the WBC. Now I am in the same position and WBC is not forcing Lopez to fight with me." This was a good argument by Gomez, and one wonders if Lopez may not be sidestepping the hard punching Puerto Rican.

In a companion championship match, Venezuelan Ernesto Espana won the WBA version of the lightweight title when he scored a thirteenth round kayo over Claude Noel of Trinidad.

The fight looked as if it was going to be over in short order when the heavy-fisted Espana dropped Noel early in the first round.

Electing to slug it out with the Venezuelan was a big mistake for Noel, for he became the recipient of a crushing right hand that dropped him for a nine count. He was reeling under the steady attack of his opponent for the rest of the round and barely managed to last the session. Noted for his early round kayoes, Espana appeared to have an easy one going for him, but Noel changed his battle plan and stayed clearly out of punching range to last as long as he did. Not accustomed to having any of his bouts last this long, Espana seemed to lose some vim and vigor, missing poorly against his evasive foe. He tired on occasion, but had enough on the ball to drop the Trinidadian again in the ninth and again for the final knockdown in the thirteenth.

The fight was originally scheduled as a twelve-round elimination contest for the title, but some last minute maneuvering by Espanas manager, Pepito Cordero, was met with success, and the World Boxing Association gave their blessing to the match as a title affair.

Although there may be some doubt as to Claude Noel's consideration as a legitimate top contender, there is no question that Espana's power punching makes him number one in this department. Let us now wait and see how he will fare against the skilled boxers of this talent-scarce division. Roberto Duran made this class important because of that same ingredient that Espana seems to possess. But, does Espana have the endurance and ring savvy that the Panamanian possessed as lightweight champion? Time will tell.

On the undercard:

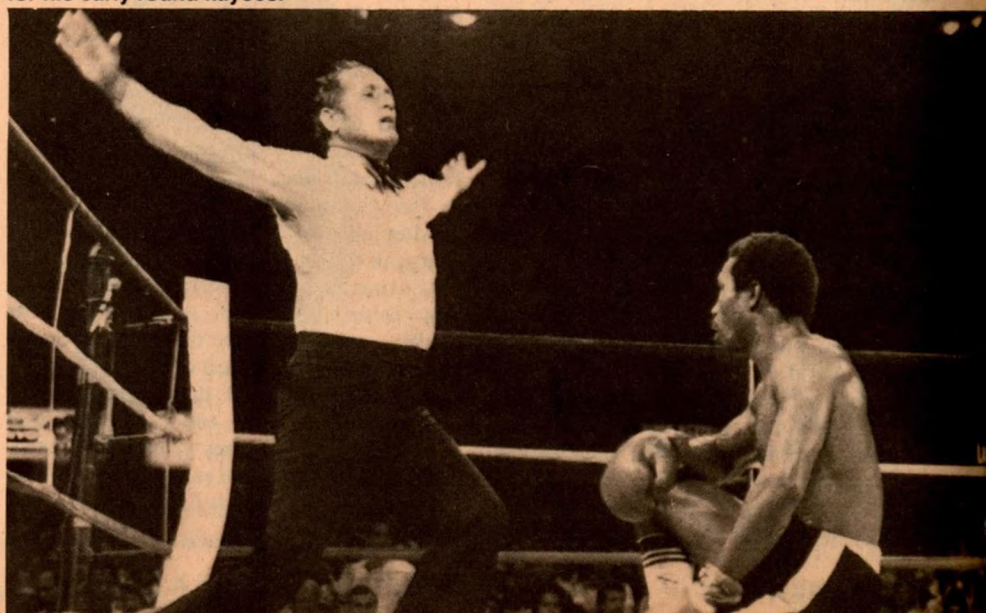
Former WBA welterweight champion Angel Espada looked good in scoring a four-round TKO victory over Fitzroy Edward. Angel was sharp enough to force Fitzroy to call it quits in his corner between the fourth and fifth session. Although considered by some as a junior middleweight, Espada came in at 147 for this one.

A scheduled twelve-rounder saw flyweight Orlando Maldonado have Luis Burgos in trouble from the very start, dropping his man in the first heat and continuing to put pressure on him until a halt was finally called.

Another ten-rounder saw junior middleweight Carlos Santos score a victory over the ever game and willing Felix Pagan Pintor.

Wilfred Gomez, who successfully defended his world junior featherweight title with a fifth round knockout of Jesus Hernandez.

Referee Waldemar Schmidt tells Claude Noel that the fight is over in the thirteenth round of his WBA lightweight title fight with Ernesto Espana of Venezuela. Espana had been noted for his early round kayoes.



CONTROVERSIAL DECISION OVER CARLOS ZARATE MAKES LUPE PINTOR NEW WBC BANTAM CHAMP

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

Challenger Lupe Pintor moves in on WBC bantamweight champion Carlos Zarate during their fifteen-round title bout in Las Vegas. Pintor won the title on a very disputed split decision.

Las Vegas–It was a night of surprise and upset, as Carlos Zarate, the WBC bantamweight champion, lost his title to number one contendor Lupe Pintor.

The title bout, at Caesars Palace, saw the heavily-favored Zarate change his ring tactics from slugger to boxer. And it was a change that cost him his title.

Also a surprise was the scoring–probably the strangest in fistic history. Judges Harold Buck and Art Lurie scored the fight 143-142 in favor of Pintor while the dissenting judge, Bob Martin, saw it 145-133, twelve points in favor of Zarate.

The weird split decision was loudly booed by fans and press. Both American and Mexican experts at ringside were convinced that Zarate deserved to win the fight and keep his title.

Zarate, 117½, and Pintor, 118, are stablemates in Mexico City. Both are managed by veteran Cuyo Hernandez, who released the fighters for this title bout between them.

Zarate showed none of the awesome punching power that gained him an incredible record of fifty-three knockouts in fifty-four fights. He chose instead to box his opponent and to back away for most of the fight. And Pintor took every advantage of the champion's new strategy.

There was little action in the opening rounds, as both fighters were cautious, seeming to feel each other out.

The fourth round saw flashes of the familiar Zarate power, as Carlos went after Pintor and sent him to the canvas with a pair of lefts.

The challenger was up by the count of three, and referee Mills Lane administered a standing eight-count.

Following the count, Zarate stalked Pintor to a neutral corner and dealt him a barrage of left-right combinations. The bell saved Pintor from what might have been a second knockdown.

Pintor's jaw was bruised and swollen by the fourth round onslaught, but the pain did not affect his subsequent performance.

After the fourth round, Zarate seemed to have lost his formidable punching power, and momentum of the fight switched back and forth between champion and challenger.

By the eighth round, it was Pintor who became the aggressor, with Zarate backing up and counter punching.

Pintor managed a lethal left in the eleventh round, and Zarate's knees buckled from the punch.

The final rounds were full of fury on the part of both fighters, but neither man came even close to knocking the other down.

The judges disagreed on which man had won the final round, but the hotly-contested decision went to Pintor.

Zarate–and ninety percent of the crowd–were

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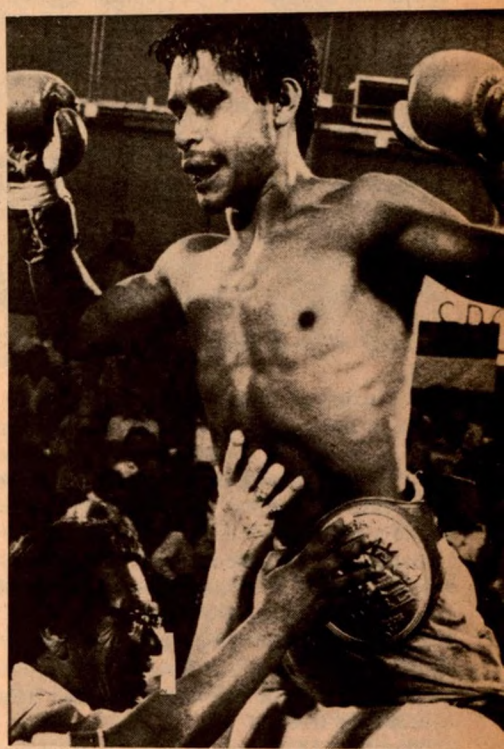

Pintor is lifted by the crowd after the decision is announced. Judges Harold Buck and Art Lurie both scored in 143-142, Pintor, while judge Bob Martin had it 145-133 in favor of Zarate.

MOSLEY AND CASTILLO RETAIN U.S. TITLES

By JOHN ORT

Las Vegas, Nev.–U.S. junior middleweight king Rocky Mosley, Jr., and U.S. featherweight champion Reuben Castillo both retained their titles with unanimous decisions in twelve-round bouts at the Sahara Hotel.

Mosley found the going rough with Portland's Daryl Penn. Rocky, a light 151½, looked tired as the bout went into the middle rounds. He had been reported ill with the flu earlier in the week.

Penn had just come off a victory over Rudy Barro in California a week earlier. He decked Barro three times. This year, his record is 3-1, his lone loss coming at the hands of Argentine middleweight Jacinto Fernandez, who he also had on the deck.

This was Mosley's third defense of the crown. He won the title by stopping Alvin Anderson last November and defended against Wilson Bell and Sugar Ray Phillips.

The bout started slowly, as Mosley jabbed and boxed his foe for the first four rounds. The highlight of the contest was the fifth, when, out of the blue, Penn landed a lead right and a left hook to the face of Mosley, who went down for an eight-count. This was the only knockdown of the bout. Rocky was lucky that the knockdown came at the end of the round or he might have been in trouble.

Penn started out strong in the sixth round, chasing Mosley. But, whenever he got in close, he grabbed instead of punched.

The rest of the bout saw Penn lunging and clinching as he pressed Rocky, who never landed a hard punch or scored with any sort of an attack. The only man who had a workout after the sixth round was referee Harry Krause, who had to break them apart every ten seconds.

The scoring was as follows: Harold Buck, 116-113; Dalby Shirley, 115-112; and Dwayne Ford, 118-111; all for Mosley. To be fair to Penn, the ringsiders had the bout closer. Some even gave it to Penn, while one local paper called it a draw.

Bakersfield's Reuben Castillo looked nothing like himself with a tough twelve-round nod over Houston's Jimmy Martinez.

Castillo weighed 138 pounds one week before the contest and was forced to make 126 in just a few days. He also had a bad right eye, hurt in training.

Martinez, a fast moving boxer with no real big punch, tried to outpunch Reuben early in the bout. Jimmy tested the champion in the first two rounds, but came out of it on the short end.

The 21-year-old Castillo moved in and out in the first three rounds, scoring with light blows to the head and body.

Martinez gave it his all in the fourth and fifth rounds. He opened up on the slow Castillo, but didn't land any big shots. He lost both sessions.

Reuben chased the retreating Martinez the rest of the way, scoring with fast combos to the head. His bad right eye was almost closed by the end of the bout, but Martinez was never able to punch hard enough to do any damage.

The scoring for this contest: Dwayne Ford and Dalby Shirley, 118-110; Harold Buck, 119-109; all for the champion.

The opening bout at the Sahara was a Nevada State junior welterweight title contest between local Leroy Haley and Modesto Concepcion of the Dominican Republic.

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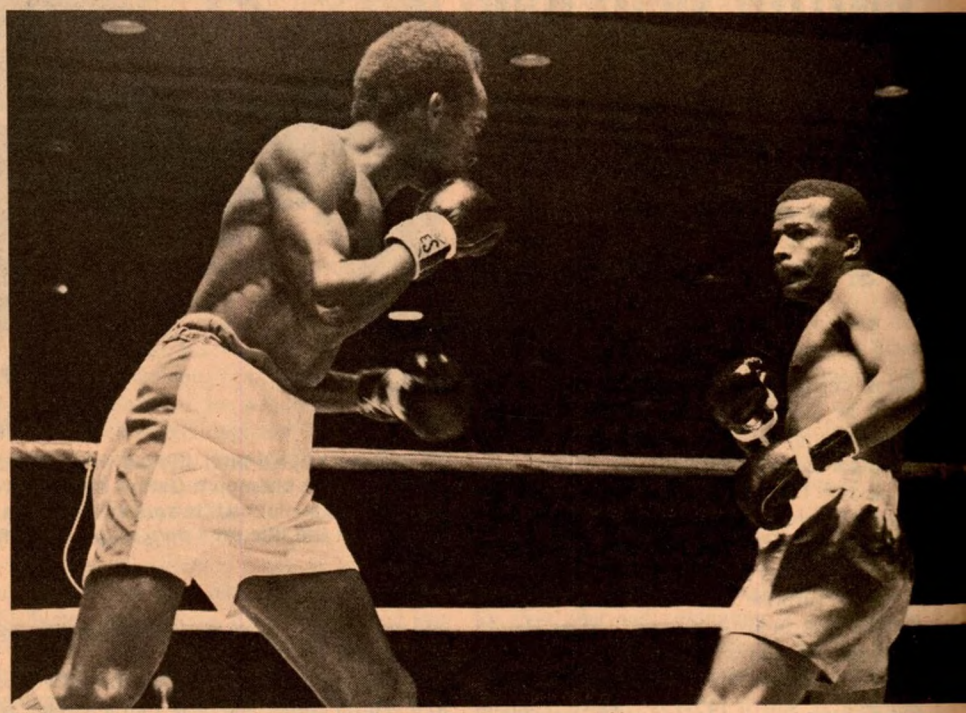

(Above) Rocky Mosley, Jr., left, won a unanimous decision over Daryl Penn to retain his U.S. junior middleweight crown. (Below) U.S. featherweight champion Reuben Castillo, left, retained his title with a unanimous decision over Jimmy Martinez.

KOOPMANS STOPS AMORY IN TENTH ROUND OF EBU TITLE DEFENSE

European light heavyweight champion Rudi Koopmans on his way to the ring. Former WBC junior middleweight champion Eckhard Dagge, who sparred with him, is on the right.

By PETER FRENSDORF

Robert Amory from France got a shot at the European light heavyweight title held by Rudi Koopmans, but he simply was at the wrong place at the wrong time.

The loser had no answer at all against the vicious champion, who sent him down in the fifth with a thunderous left hook to the liver, really tagged in the ninth, and stopped in the tenth. Referee Desgain called a halt after two standing counts. Koopmans had his opponent's southpaw style so much under control that Amory scored a solid left only once, in the sixth. Rudi came back immediately with powerful left hooks to the body and crosses to the head.

Amory was known for his durability and stated before the match: "I'll give it a try. Nobody gave me a chance against Mate Parlov but I still went the distance. Believe me I'll give Koopmans a hard time!"

It did not turn out this way because he needed both hands for his defense against Koopmans, who looked better and stronger than ever.

The battered loser was warmly praised by Koopmans in the dressing room. "He was really a tough fellow. I hit him four or five times with shots that would knock out most men." Rudi showed his swollen right hand. "I hit him on the forehead and injured my hand. Otherwise, I'd have stopped him sooner." Koopmans has real trouble finding sparring partners, as most men are unable to take his punches, especially in the body.

Koopmans' next defense will be against Peralta, the official challenger, but the EBU has already named a new challenger, Frenchman Hocine Tafer, who was impressed by Koopmans' showing. "He sure is a terrific champion, this Koopmans. He made no mistakes at all tonight. I know Amory well, and if you can stop him, you sure have class!"

The only thing Koopmans was not happy about was that only two thousand spectators came to see him, again proving that Holland is no boxing country. "In other countries, thousands of fans come to see their champion, so they make good money. Tonight I earned almost nothing!"

Then, half-serious–"And where is my new championship belt? I should get a new belt for each successful defense!" When nobody answered, he smiled. "This can only happen in Holland."

Dutch middleweight champion Adrie Huussen won a hard-earned split decision from Briton Bob Mays over eight rounds.

Mays had kayoed another Dutchman last time he came to Holland and it became a fast punching, exiting fight. In the first rounds, the Briton had a slight lead but Huussen, who was promised a shot at the European crown if he won, came on very strong in the later rounds.

Koopmans in the dressing room after the contest. Note the bandaged right hand. (Photos by Robert Frensdorf)

Especially in the last two rounds, he had Mays shaken several times, but the Briton boxed himself out of trouble each time. Both received a great ovation from the fans for their good showing. Huussen is unbeaten in twenty starts (one draw).

A good talent is Alex Blanchard, another middleweight, who had his fourth bout against Frenchman Jean Lamie.

Blanchard is very tall and hits with good, fast combinations with lots of power. In the second round, Lamie was hit with a brain-scrambling right cross that knocked him right through the ropes.

He was counted out with his head hanging on the lowest rope.

At twenty-one years Blanchard seems to have a very good future in boxing–a man to watch.

All together, an excellent boxing show from Henk Ruhling, who is always trying to keep boxing talent in Holland, which, with rather negative reactions from the newspapers, is a hard thing to do.

CONTEH, FLOORED AGAIN, BEATS BROWN

By RON OLVER

Liverpool, England–WBC light heavyweight champion John Conteh had his final warm-up before trying to get his old title back against Matt Franklin in Monte Carlo. Conteh, 176¾, gained an overwhelming points victory over American Ivy Brown, 175½, scoreline after ten rounds being 100-95½. This meant that Conteh had won nine rounds, the other being shared.

"The other" was, in fact, the opening round, when Conteh was caught with a right hand to the side of the head and toppled on to his knees.

Brown threw a couple of punches while John was still on the canvas, but no damage was done, and no count was started. But a shudder went through the spectators when it was remembered that John had also gone down in the opening round against Jesse Burnett, another American, just eight weeks earlier.

Referee Wally Thom censured the American for hitting his man while he was down, and about six seconds must have elapsed before the fight continued.

Conteh made a quick recovery, and from then on proceeded to outjab his opponent with the greatest of ease. Although Brown did land a few punches Conteh was never in danger, and, come to that, neither was Brown himself.

John used his left hand the whole time, jabbing, hooking, uppercutting, slowing his man down, but never really showing the fire which he has produced in the past.

From the beginning of the fourth I counted the number of genuine right hands thrown by Conteh and the number which landed on the target area. There were twenty-one thrown in the last seven rounds, of which twelve landed, or less than two per round.

This may have been a deliberate plan to nurse this hand along (John hardly used it at all against Burnett), but I would have thought it must be tested out properly in view of the fact that his next fight will be for the World title.

After that sensational opening round the second was quieter, with Conteh shaking his man with a hard left hook. Then, as John followed up, back came Brown strongly.

Conteh was improving round by round, and in the third Brown seemed quite content to defend, instead of trying to catch his man with another big right hand.

From then until the end, the pattern was the same. Conteh had no difficulty in landing his jabs and hooks from the left hand. Against an opponent like Brown, who wasn't good enough to extend the Britisher, it worked. But against a class opponent John would have needed both hands.

Towards the end Conteh had to do all the chasing, and although he seemed to be trying hard enough to land a finishing punch, it never materialized. He did manage to land a left to the jaw in the eighth that pulled Brown up in his tracks, but the latter didn't appear hurt.

Afterwards Conteh said "Boxing ten rounds gave me a chance to get back into it."

And asked about the knockdown, he remared, "My old amateur trainer used to say that if you want to swim, you got to get wet."

John's trainer George Francis, said they were both satisfied with the performance as a prelude to the World title shot.

I think TV commentator Harry Carpenter summed it up when he said, after the knockdown, "There's something not quite right about Conteh these days."

As to that Conteh stated quite emphatically, "The only thing that is important now is that everything is all right when I tackle Franklin.

"I shall go to Monte Carlo one month before the fight in order to fully acclimatise myself. As to my right hand, there is absolutely nothing wrong with it now, but I must get used to using it more.

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FORD BEATS SOLIS

By KHEMRAJ SINGH

Georgetown, Guyana–Guyana's feather weight boxing champion, Patrick Ford, unanimously outpointed Enrique Solis of Puerto Rico at the National Sports Hall in Guyana before a large crowd. In so doing, Ford became the new featherweight champion of Central America and the Caribbean. Ford used his height and reach advantage effectively throughout the fight and won all the rounds.

Referee Melchior Taylor of Trinidad scored it 120-110, judge Angel Guzman of Puerto Rico 120-108 and judge Leslie Allen of Guyana scored it 120-98, all for Ford. I had it 119 to 111, Ford.

The early rounds of the fight saw Solis employing jabs while Ford was content to take things easy. However, towards the end of the third round, Ford turned on the heat with three telling blows which obviously shook up Solis.

Solis's best round was in the seventh, when he scored with several punches, using the left jabs and right cross effectively; however, these punches did not seem to effect Ford in any way. Midway in the ninth round, a tremendous left hook by Ford, followed up by a right, sent Solis to the canvas, where he took an eight count at the bell. For the remainder of the fight, Solis, realizing that Ford was too much for him, was prepared to rest on the ropes, and invite Ford to come after him. Ford refused to be enticed and was content to coast to victory.

In the supporting bouts, Dereck McKenzie, 140, unanimously outpointed Desmond Callender, 141, in a fight that should have been stopped at the beginning of round five. Roy

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Enrique Solis tries to get a left through the defense of Patrick Ford in their twelve-rounder at the National Sports Hall in Georgetown. Ford won a lopsided decision.

WAYNE CAPLETTE

ROBERT BATH

AL FORD

NICKY FURLANO

CANADIAN HOPEFULS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

The boxing history of the nation of Canada is a long and glorious one, and it continues today. In the old days, though, there were many more fight clubs than now. Such towns as Saskatoon, Waterford, Windsor, Chippewa Falls, Moose Jaw, Port Arthur, and many others saw regular action, and the fighters were busy. It's not so today, but Canada still produces its share of class pugilists.

In recent years, such names as George Chuvalo, still active today at over forty, Donato Paduano, Yvone Durelle, Arthur King, Armand Savoie, George Dunn, Al Sparks, Robert Cleroux, Wilfie Greaves, and many others too numerous to list were familiar names to boxing fans, and great hometown draws.

Today, the names are different, and some known only to Canadian fans, but the talent is still there and some are already making their marks in the annals of Canadian fistic history. Making the headlines today are names like Ralph Racine, Al Ford, Nicky Furlano, George Jerome, Wayne Caplette, Robert Bath, Terry Jesmer, and Jimmy Gradson.

Junior lightweight Ralph Racine from Niagara Falls, Ontario has come on fast in the last two years to become a solid main event attraction. Racine has defeated the likes of Cocoa Sanchez, Larry Stanton, Al Ford, and Gaetan Hart.

Racine is an excellent boxer with a sharp, hurting jab who can also take a solid punch. Racine has shown the ability to be hurt in the early rounds and come back in the late sessions to score good wins. He scored his best victory in just that manner when he stopped Sanchez in the tenth round in New York. His record to date is 24-171, with thirteen knockouts.

Nicky Furlano of Toronto presently reigns as the Canadian junior lightweight, and jr. welterweight champion. He won the lighter title in 1977 when he defeated Danny Stokes, and on February 9, 1979, stopped veteran Al Ford in Winnepeg to gain the heavier crown.

Furlano turned pro in early 1977 and has so far posted a 11-1-1 pro log. He has three knockouts to his credit. Nicky is under the management of Travis Sugden, and is labeled as a good boxer with a solid punch. His best weapons are a left hook and a solid left jab. Furlano was the victim of a rare disease in 1978 that kept him inactive for seven months. The ailment was a cold of the heart, which required large doses of medication and complete rest.

Al Ford is a veteran ringster who hails from Edmonton and is managed by oldtimer Scotty McGrandle. Ford is currently ranked as the fourth best junior welter in the Commonwealth. He turned professional back in October of 1967, and might be in the twilight of his career, but would still be a test for any aspiring youngster. His record stands at 48-9-0, with eighteen kayoes. Listed among Ford's victims are Lawrence Hafey, Nicky Furlano and Fernand Durelle.

Two-time Canadian amateur middleweight champion Wayne Caplette looks to be one of the best youngsters to come out of Manitoba in many years. Caplette is undefeated so far with a 7-0-0 record; six wins are knockouts. He was 54-5 as a simon pure, winning Canada's 160 pound crown in 1976 and 1977. In November 1977, Caplette turned pro.

Wayne is a boxer with a sleep producing punch, and a chin like a rock. Caplette has developed a fine defense and is fast becoming a well rounded pro. He is now studying at the University of Manitoba to be an electrician. Caplette is managed by Pete Susens and trained by Winnipegger Ed Yaremchuk.

Jim Gradson is a nineteen-year-old middleweight from Toronto who looks to have the ability to go far in the boxing business. Gradson recently knocked out Canadian veteran Gerald Bochard in a rousing fight in Montreal. Thus far, Gradson has posted a 6-1-0 record, scoring two kayoes. Gradson upset Minnesota's Doug Demmings in February to gain attention as a bonified fighter of the future.

Heavyweight George Jerome came out of the lumber camps of northern Canada to make his mark among the Canadian big boys. Now fighting out of Vancouver, he started in the Winnipeg area back in 1968. Jerome has beaten Horst Geisler, Hugh Mercer and Chuck Borden. In December, 1978 Jerome was stopped in the second round by George Chuvalo in a bid for the Canadian title. Records do not always reveal everything, as in the case of Jerome's 11-13-2 slate.

Winnipeg's Terry Jesmer hasn't quite put it all together yet, but the 160-pounder is working on it. Since joining the pros in late 1977, Jesmer has been in with some tough company. His record is only 2-7-0, but Jesmer has fought the likes of Mike Morgan, twice, Clem Tucker, Wayne Caplette, twice, and Steve Krueger.

Robert Bath, lightweight out of Toronto, has had the same problem as Jesmer, as he has been in with tough boxers like Mario Cusson, twice, Michael Rouleau and Isaac Vega. His record so far is 1-6-1 and a bit misleading. Bath is managed by Ira Hussey.

Canada has another recognizable fistic names; Eddie Melo, Gaetan Hart, John Lapointe, Clyde Gray, Chris Clarke, and others who are already making the grade. Then there are the prospects like Lancelot Innis (what a name for a fighter), Willie Featherstone, Steve Tohill and Scotty Welsh.

THREE NEWCOMERS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Tommy Evans, Greg McPherson, and Ron Cummings Coming Up

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

San Francisco–The big stars of the main event in Northern California appear to be within a short distance of their career's end. Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez thrice fought for the world light heavyweight title and wants one more title shot before retiring; welterweight Pete Ranzany seems to have just enough desire left for a few good paydays before cleaning out his gym locker; and middleweight George Cooper, eleven years the state champ, has been inactive since suffering his first kayo loss last September.

Fortunately, new blood is around, as three solid performers have begun to attract the fans. All are aspiring for world class honors. Light heavyweight Tommy Evans from Richmond is probably the best, but also developing are welterweight Ron Cummings, from Sacramento, and Greg McPherson, a light heavy from Cupertino.

Evans is the old man of the group at twenty-six, but, until the past year, his career was just sputtering, never really getting off the ground. In the three previous years to this one, Evans had only five fights. Then promoter Bab Griffin offered him steady work. Since then, Evans has won four consecutive fights, three by knockout, at the Oakland Auditorium, and has become a local hero. His record is now 13-2-1, twelve by kayo.

"I love boxing," Evans says. "I honestly like the training and self discipline. I've come up with a lot of my own methods. I've studied tai chi and karate, which can be helpful to keep your mind sharp."

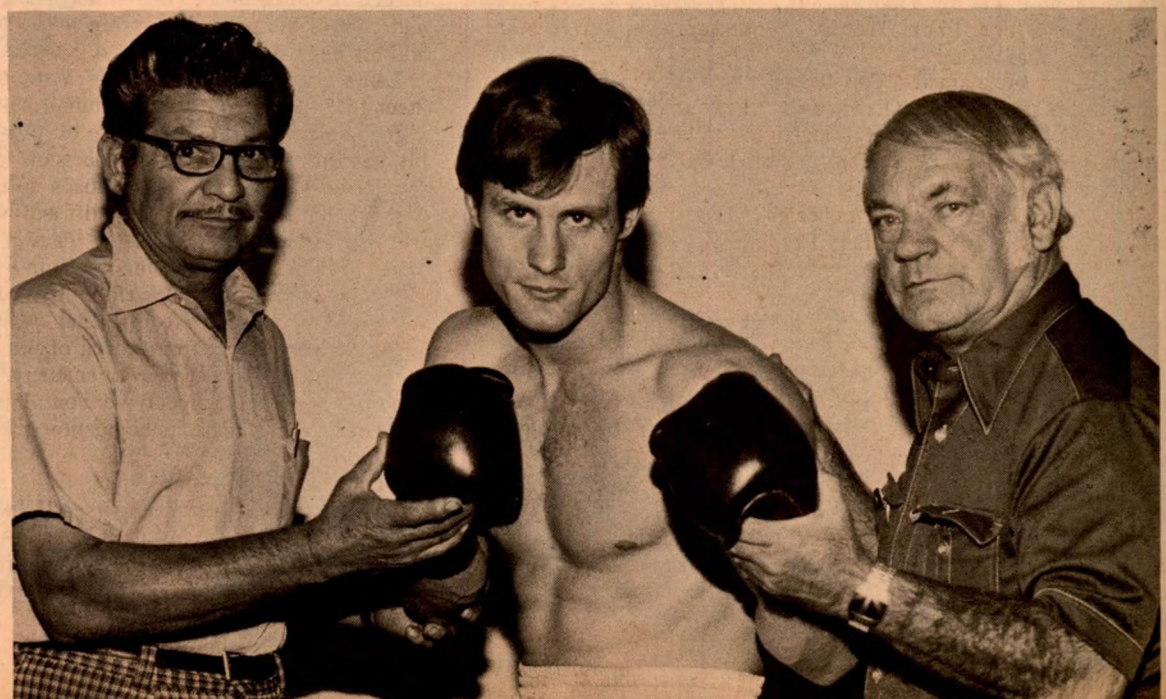
Evans is an unpolished, but effective puncher, who pressures his opponents with a high intensity offense. He can be hit, but opponents are cautious of teeing off on him because of his tremendous power. His manager, Frank Pittman, claims Evans has the proper outlook, as well as the punch, to make it. "Tommy has a great attitude," Pittman sayd. "He takes fighting very seriously and has the right dedication. Tommy is always trying to improve himself as a fighter, which is all that a manager can ask for."

Since promoter Griffin rescued Evans from fistic unemployment, the Irish light heavy has knocked out Mike Quarry in eight, Ed Turner in two, Len Provo in three, and decisioned tough Jim Ingram in a savage fight. His main drawback is that his best weight is just over 180. In his lone kayo loss, to Fili Moalo, he gave away fifty pounds.

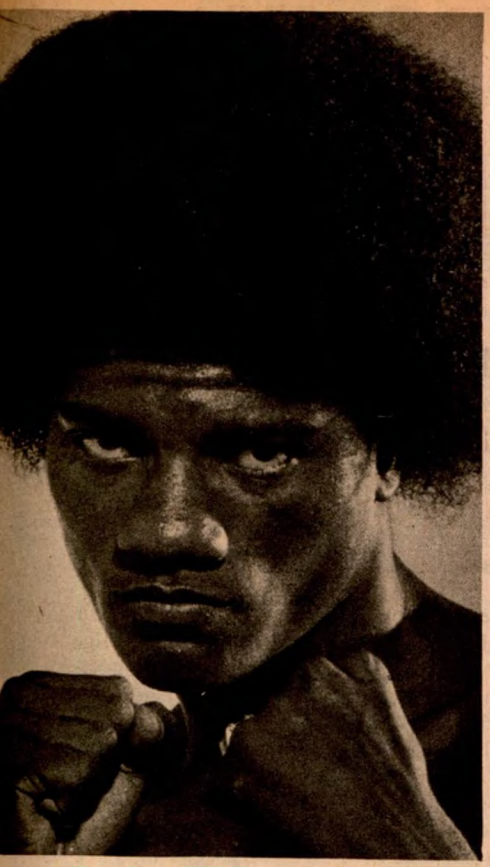
"I fight 'cause I love the sport," Evans says. "I hit whatever I can reach. I take it to my opponents. I look at the other light heavies around, Franklin, Lopez, and Rossman, and I think that soon I'll be able to handle myself against top guys like that."

Given a careful build up to get the experience and confidence needed for world class competition, Evans stands a good chance of being successful at the top level of his division. His four shows in Oakland have all turned a profit and future outings should bring in more fans.

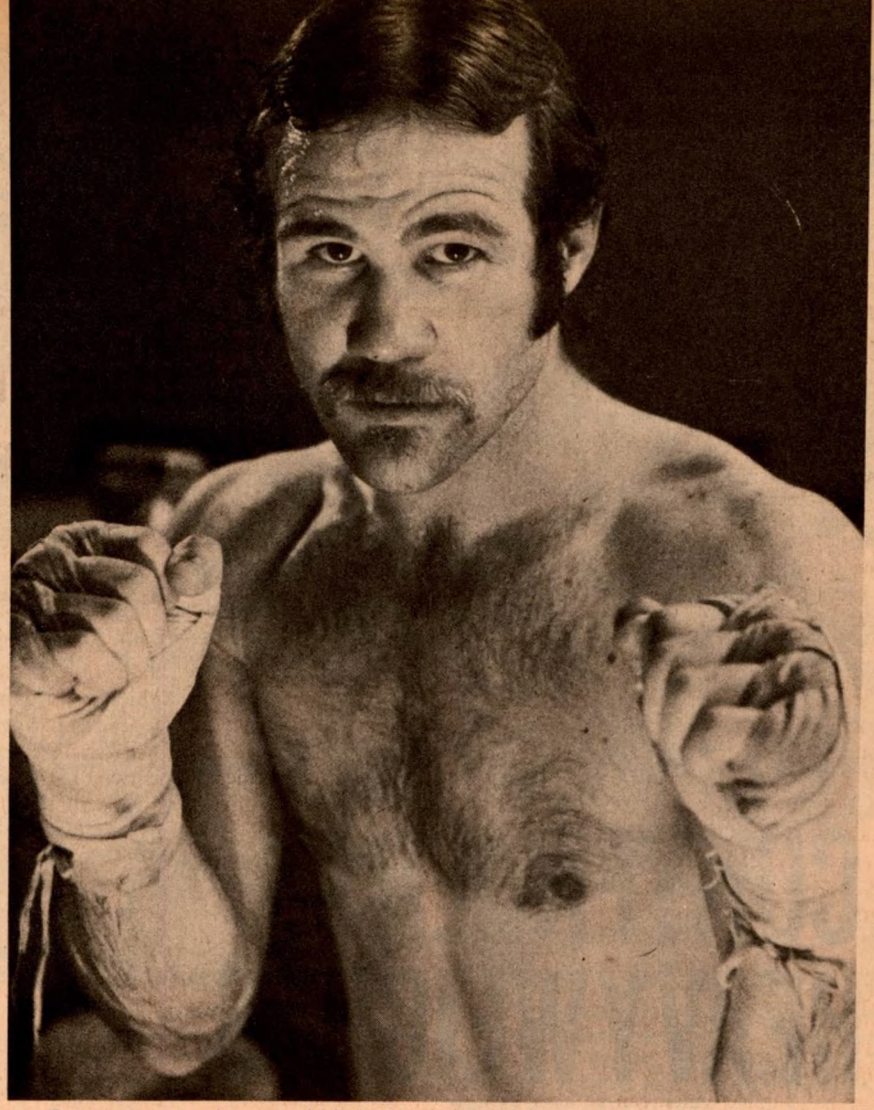
Ninety miles east of Oakland is Sacramento, the hometown of Ron Commings, who is just beginning to taste main event status. For two years, Cummings has labored in the shadow of Pete Ranzany, and now is making his move to draw on his own. Only twenty-two, Cummings has a 12-0-1 record, and is scheduled to meet veteran



Light heavyweight Greg McPherson and his brain trust. His record is now 9-2, with six kayoes. Greg is twenty-two years old and could become a top contender.



Ron "Too Sweet" Cummings, promising welterweight from Sacramento. Cummings has a 12-0-1 record and is scheduled to meet Monroe Brooks in his first ten-round bout.



Tommy Evans, twenty-six year old light heavyweight, has won four straight fights at the Oakland Auditorium, scoring three kayoes.

Monroe Brooks in his first ten-round venture.

"I learned to fight in the amateurs," Cummings says, "and I was taught how to slip and counter and use my feet. I don't go into fights with the thought that my opponent and I are just going to bang away at each other's face. I box. That way, you keep your head and face from getting mashed up."

Cummings, nicknamed "Too Sweet", served two years in the Army, had a successful amateur career, then turned pro and began using the G.I. Bill to attend a local junior college. Cummings has fast hands and feet, but only a fair punch. He has been criticized for doing "point work" on his opponents, but, when under pressure, he has shown a fighting heart. He has beaten Howard Jackson and Pablo Baiz, and fought a draw with Pepi Dominquez.

"I have been very lucky to have been able to train with Pete (Ranzany) and Babs (McCarthy) regularly. I've learned a lot over the past two years and I think I'm ready to fight name fighters. I've paid my dues and I've worked hard."

Cummings is managed by Pidge Georgian, whose restaurant-bar is a hangout for the boxing crowd in Sacramento. "Ron is a very fine athlete," Georgian says. "He had exceptional reflexes and can punch harder than many people think. Herman Carter (his trainer) has been working with Ron to get him to use more leverage. Let's just say Ron is a bit vain about his face."

Another light heavy, Greg McPherson, is reviving boxing at a once active locale which had fallen into disuse. McPherson has headlined four times in four months at Circle Star Theater in San Carlos, and, each time, the crowds improved. Like Evans, he is a slugger. But McPherson is such a charged up, angry fighter that he is often effective.

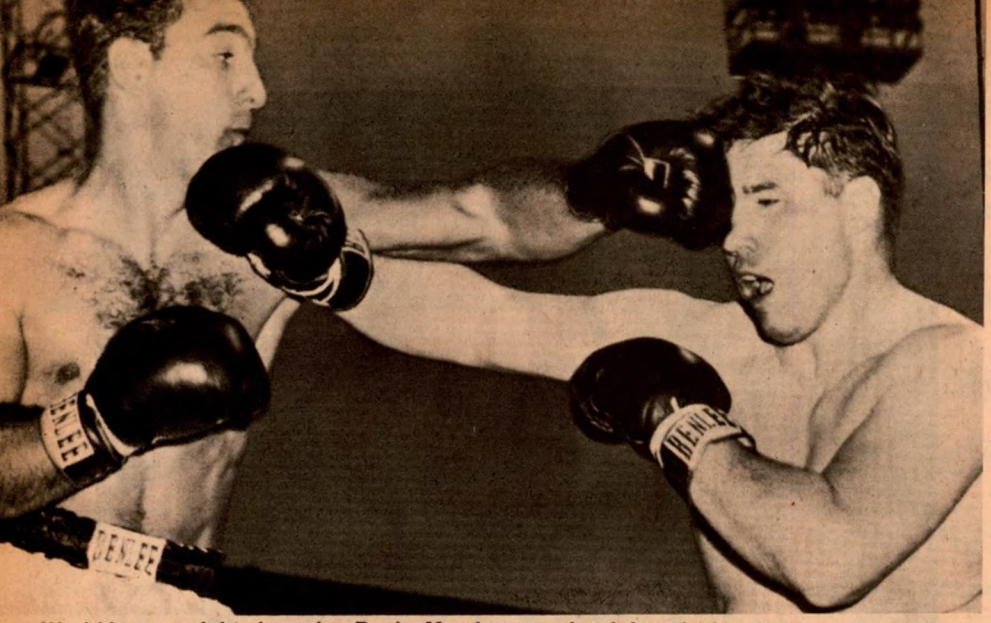
George Hughes, McPherson's manager, says, "Greg is a hot-headed Irishman in the ring. I, am trying to get him to calm down and control himself better. Greg is totally unafraid when he fights and his enthusiasm gets the best of him."

Lantern-jawed and thick-muscled, McPherson won an Indian amateur title in the midwest, claiming one-fourth Indian blood. He is a genuine crowd pleaser because of his non-stop killer style. But in his last outing he lost a split decision to Bash Ali, whom he had previously beaten. McPherson loads up on every punch, and when oppents don't fall he becomes stiff and off balance.

"Boxing is my main interest," the twenty-two year old McPherson says. "I'm putting everything I have into it. I don't care who I fight. I'll respect them outside the ring, but when the fight starts I'm going to try and tear their heads off. That's what I'm in there for."

McPherson suffers from a lack of pro sparring. The Garden City Gym in San Jose is active with amateurs and smaller pros, but none can offer McPherson a good work out. His record is 9-2, six by kayo, and he could become a top competitor once the kinks get straightened out.

Bantamweight Carlos Zuniga, lanky and aggressive, is 9-1, all wins by kayo, and perhaps in a year he will join Evans, Cummings, and McPherson as a ten-round fighter. And perhaps one of the new names will one day move on to national prominence. Then local fans will be able to recall the days gone by when a neighborhood fighter began his climb to world class status.



World heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano sends a left to the head of Don Cockell in the first round of their title bout in Kezar Stadium, San Francisco, on May 16, 1955. Rocky stopped Don in the ninth.

Roland LaStarza was a fine boxer who compiled a lifetime record of 55-8 from 1947 to 1958. He lost a very close split decision to Marciano in Madison Square Garden on March 24, 1950.

PART TWELVE OF A SERIES

CONTENDERS: HEAVYWEIGHTS

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

Rocky Marciano reigned as world heavyweight champion from September 23, 1952 until he announced his retirement on April 27, 1956. No insult to The Rock, always a courageous champion, there were at least a handful of deserving challengers who never got cracks at the title in this period.

Here are vignettes of men like Nino Valdes, Coley Wallace, Bob Satterfield, and other contenders who never fought for the title, as well as brief portraits of two–Roland LaStarza and Don Cockell–who did.

NINO VALDES

Geraldo Ramos Ponciano Valdes was born in Havana on December 5, 1924. After five amateur bouts, he made his pro debut on December 27, 1941 under the managerial reins of Louis Gutierrez.

Nino, who stands 6′3″ and weighed in at around 210 during his fighting days, had a rather spotty record until 1951, when Bobby Gleason became his manager. He won the Cuban heavyweight crown by stopping Omelio Agramonte in the tenth round in Havana on July 18, 1953 and followed that up with a sensational upset unanimous decision over Ezzard Charles at the Miami Beach Auditorium on August 11. Nine straight more wins should have netted him a title shot, but it was not to be.

Archie Moore defeated him in fifteen rounds, May 2, 1955 and Bob Satterfield followed suit in ten rounds three months later, but Nino was still good enough to go to London and kayo Don Cockell on September 13 of the same year. His career was jolted, however, when Eddie Machen halted him in eight rounds in Miami Beach on July 11, 1956. Nino continued to do well against top competition until 1959, when Charlie Powell stopped him in the eighth round in Miami Beach. Sonny Liston knocked him out in three rounds five months after that, which really finished him. Nino made another trip to London and iced Brian London in the seventh frame, then quit.

Lifetime record: Total bouts-69. Knockouts-36. Wins on points-13. Losses on points-13. Losses by kayo-5. Draws-2.

COLEY WALLACE

Coley was born in Jacksonville, Florida and was an all-around athlete in high school. He compiled a brilliant amateur record, beating, among others, Rocky Marciano. That was at the Ridgewood Grove in New York, 1948.

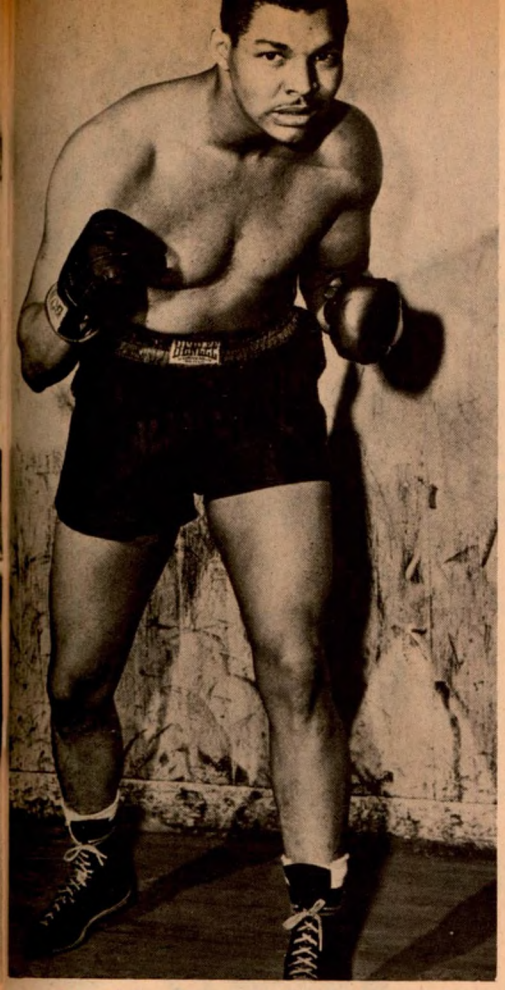
With Bill Miller as his manager, Wallace made his pro debut in 1950 and won nineteen out of his first twenty-one fights, scoring fourteen kayoes. Among the men he stopped were Vern Mitchell, Bob Dunlap, and Bill Gilliam. Elkins Brothers knocked him out in the second round on June 15, 1951 and Jimmy Bivins stopped him in nine rounds, September 19, 1952.

Wallace was a deadly counterpuncher who could take a man out with either hand, but his chin was suspect. Ezzard Charles halted him in ten rounds in San Francisco on December 16, 1953.

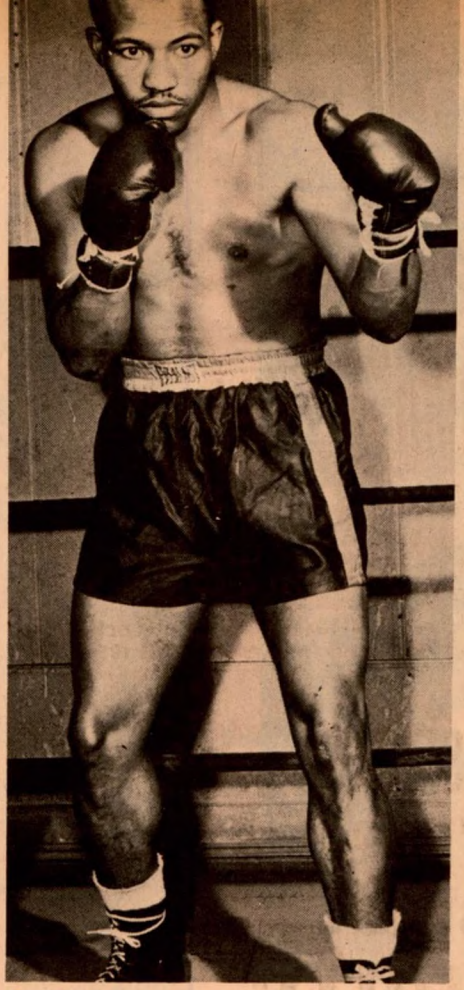
Coley's career came to almost a complete halt when he dropped two ten-round verdicts to Bob Baker in 1954. An often noticed physical resemblance to Joe Louis led him to play the part of the Brown Bomber in *The Joe Louis Story* in the early fifties.

ROLAND LaSTARZA

He was born in the Bronx on May 12, 1927 and attended Chris-



Famed for his resemblance to Joe Louis, Coley Wallace was also a sharp counter-puncher who could kayo an opponent with either hand. He beat Rocky Marciano in the amateurs.



Pacific Coast heavyweight champion Clarence Henry kayoed Bob Baker and Bob Satterfield. Henry, who was born in Texas, fought from 1948 to 1954.

Bob Baker beat Sid Peaks, Elkins Brothers, Omelio Agramonte, Jimmy Bivins, Cesar Brion, Nino Valdes, Joe Baksi, Coley Wallace, Rex Layne, and George Chuvalo. He fought from 1949 to 1957.

topher Columbus High school and City College while boxing. He won the 1944 sub-novice title as a New York Golden Glover and was open champ the next year. Then he went into the Army and spent several months in Italy.

Roland started boxing as a pro in 1947 and had reeled off thirty-seven straight wins when he faced another undefeated fighter, Rocky Marciano, in the Garden on March 24, 1950. Rocky won a hairline split decision and went on to win the title.

LaStarza, a brilliant boxer, won ten more straight bouts, but lost to Dan Bucceroni on December 21, 1951. He beat Dan in a rematch and, after beating Rex Layne by split decision on February 13, 1953, got a title shot at Marciano. Rocky halted Rollie in eleven.

LaStarza had not shown his previous great form in that bout, and he lost his next three fights as well. Don Cockell and Charley Norkus beat him on points and Julio Mederos took him out in five rounds in Miami. Rollie retired, tried a comeback two years later, and then quit the game for good.

Few today give LaStarza quite the credit he deserves. He was, at one time, one of the most beautiful boxers that the heavyweight division has ever known.

BOB SATTERFIELD

How he could hit! Bob was born in St. Louis on November 9, 1923 and started boxing as an amateur in 1941. He spent seventeen months in the amateurs, then turned pro in 1945. Jack Kearns had him in the beginning, but Satterfield was later handled by the veteran Ike Bernstein,

Satterfield, who fought out of Chicago, was not too durable. He was knocked out twelve times in his pro career, including a classic one-punch job administered by Ezzard Charles in Chicago, January 13, 1954. On the other end, Bob was the first man to kayo Cleveland Williams. This was a third round one-punch job in Miami Beach, June 22, 1954.

Bob scored eleven one-round kayoes in a career that ended in 1957. Elkins Brothers, Bob Baker, Julio Mederos, Frankie Daniels, and Ben Wise were among his thirty-five knockout victims.

EARL WALLS

Another exceptionally hard hitter, Walls captured the Canadian heavyweight crown by knocking out Verne Escoe in Edmonton on June 13, 1952.

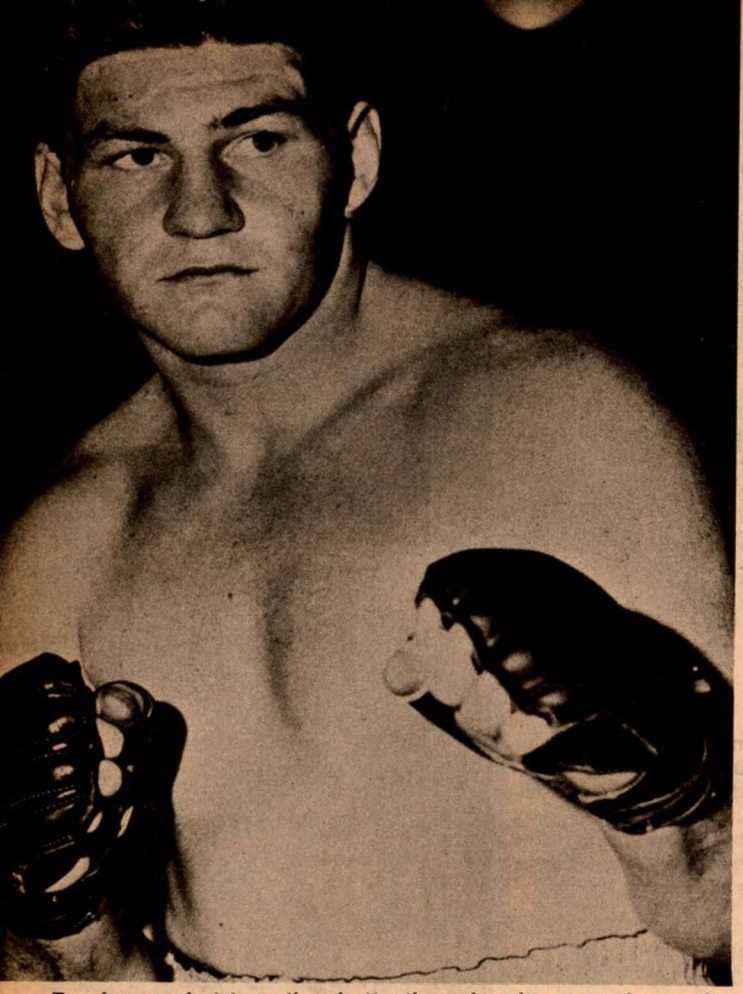
Earl, who was born in Windsor, February 19, 1928, shot into the limelight with a stunning sixty-three second knockout over Rex Layne in Edmonton, July 3, 1953. Walls repeated, taking out Layne in six in the latter's home town, Salt Lake City, on September 8 of the same year, causing Jack Dempsey to call him "the only worthwhile challenger for Rocky Marciano."

Kayoes over Joe Kahut and Bernie Reynolds followed. Walls then lost to Tommy Harrison in ten rounds in Toronto, but knocked out Tommy in the first round in a rematch three months later.

Walls fought a draw with James J. Parker in defense of his Canadian title in Toronto on March 7, 1955. He retired later on that year.

BOB BAKER

Baker, who was managed by Dusty Bettor, had forty-six amateur bouts beforee turning pro in April, 1949. Lou Ledbetter, his trainer, had discovered him in a Pittsburgh YMCA, where Bob was working



Rex Layne shot to national attention when he upset Jersey Joe Walcott in Madison Square Garden on November 24, 1950. Rocky Marciano stopped Rex in the sixth round on July 12, 1951.

out as a weight lifter.

Baker was a good fighter, but he liked to eat and had a tendency to put on weight. He has effective at 210-212, but sometimes fought as high as 230.

Among those he beat from 1949 to 1957 were Sid Peaks, Elkins Brothers, Omelio Agramonte, Jimmy Bivins, Cesar Brion, Nino Valdes, Joe Baksi, Toxie Hall, Coley Wallace, Rex Layne, Julio Mederos, George Chuvalo, and Dick Richardson, He had a quick right hand, but lacked competitive fire.

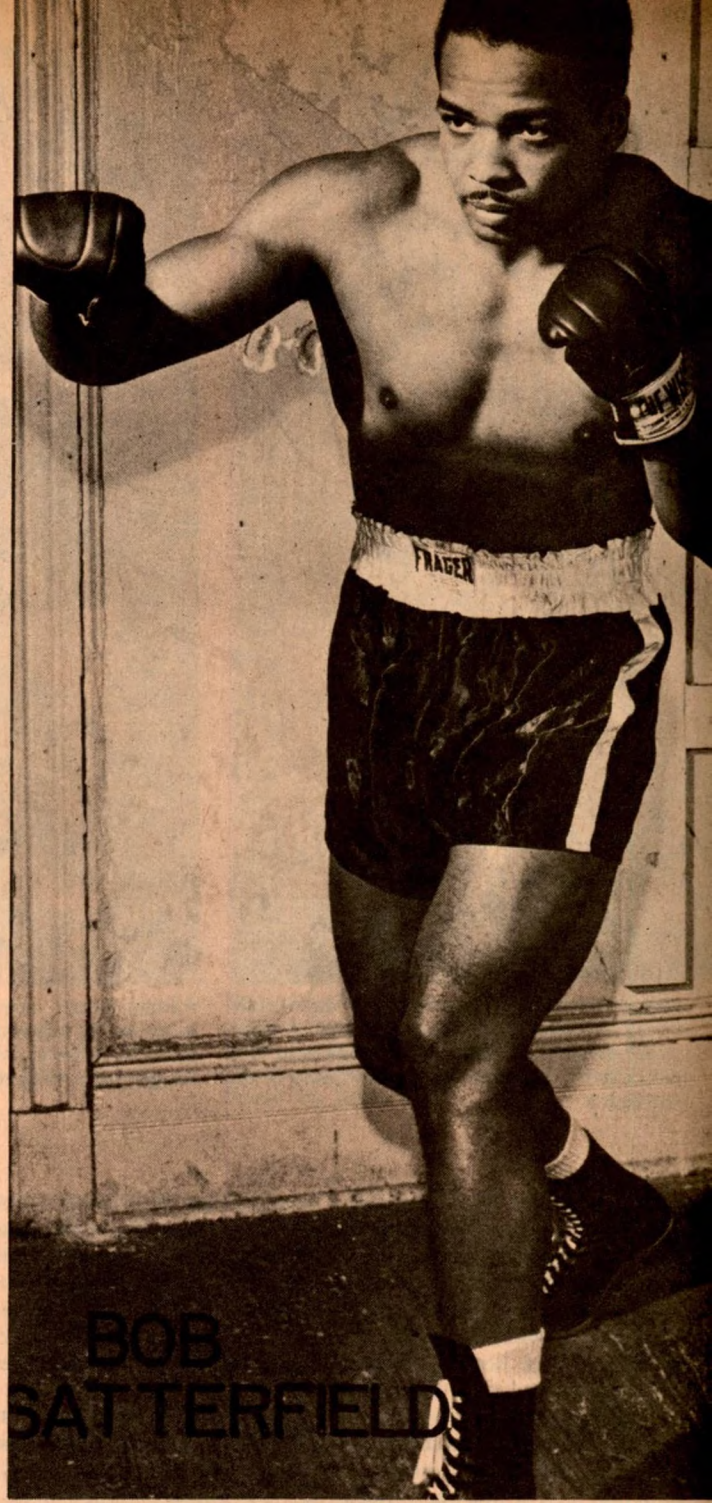
REX LAYNE

He was born in Lewiston, Utah, on June 7, 1928, son of a sugar-beet farmer. Rex started boxing in the Army in 1947, when he was stationed in Japan. He won the National AAU heavyweight crown in 1949 and turned pro.

Layne came to national attention on November 24, 1950, when he scored one of the year's big upsets when he beat Jersey Joe Walcott in a tenner held in Madison Square Garden. Other wins, including an eight-round stoppage of Bob Satterfield, led to a showdown with Rocky Marciano on July 12, 1951. Rex was stopped in the sixth session of a grueling contest.

Rex was given a rather controversial decision over Ezzard Charles in a ten-round fight held in Ogden, Utah, August 8, 1952. Referee Jack Dempsey gave Layne two rounds, Charles one, and called the remaining seven even.

Layne began to hit the skids in 1953, when he lost four of his five bouts. Hurricane Jackson knocked him out in six rounds twice, and Rex hung 'em up after he lost to Heinz Neuhaus and Hans Friedrich in Germany in 1956.

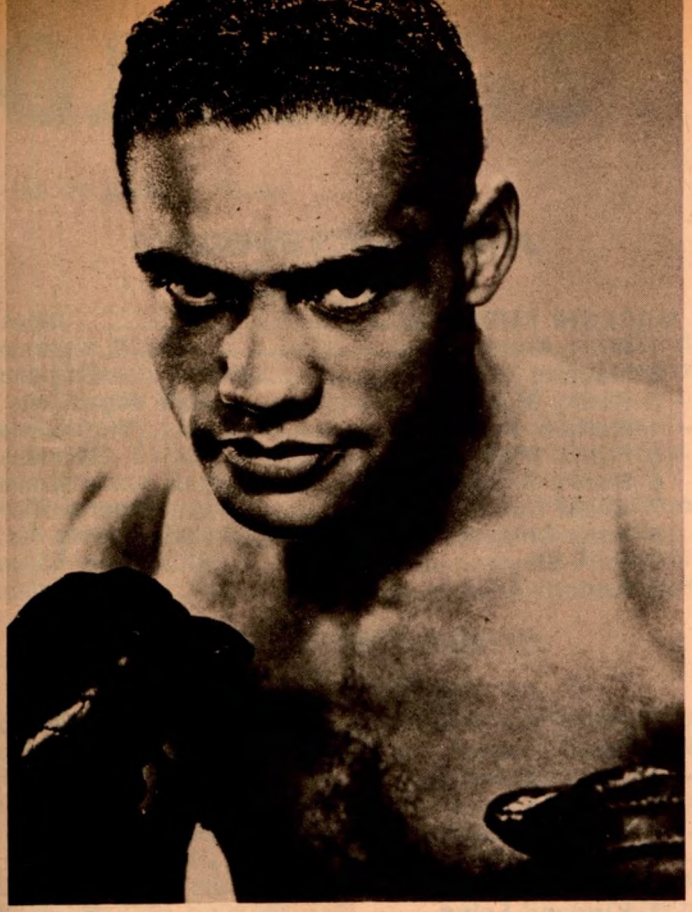


He wasn't very durable, but Bob Satterfield was one of the greatest hitters in the history of the heavyweight division. He was the first man to kayo Cleveland Williams.

CLARENCE HENRY

Henry was the top heavyweight in California boxing during the early fifties. A transplanted Texan, Clarence was born in San Antonio on March 27, 1926. He started boxing as an amateur in 1947.

Henry, who stood 6′1″ and weighed around 185, beat Willie Bean, Omelio Agramonte, Turkey Thompson, Bob Baker (KO), and Bob Satterfield (KO-1) in a pro career that stretched from 1948 to 1954. Failing vision forced him to retire.



Canadian heavyweight champion Earl Walls scored a sensational sixty-three second knockout over Rex Layne on July 3, 1953. He also kayoed Joe Kahut and Bernie Reynolds.

Dan Bucceroni, the "Butcher Boy" of Philadelphia, beat LaStarza, Danny Nardico, and Tommy Harrison. He won thirty of his first thirty-one pro bouts.

DON COCKELL

Cockell, who was born in the Battersea section of London on September 22, 1928, started as a pro on June 26, 1946, having taken part in twenty-six amateur contests. He made rapid progress as a pro until Dave Goodwin stopped him in Yeovil. One year later, in Nottingham, Don came back to reverse the outcome, halting Goodwin in the second.

Cockell won the vacant British light heavyweight title by kayoing Mark Hart in the fourteenth round at Harringay Arena on October 17, 1950. Grueling battles with Americans Lloyd Marshall, Freddie Beshore, and Nick Barone followed, and then Jimmy Slade, another Yankee, knocked him out in the eleventh round in White City Stadium on December 4, 1951.

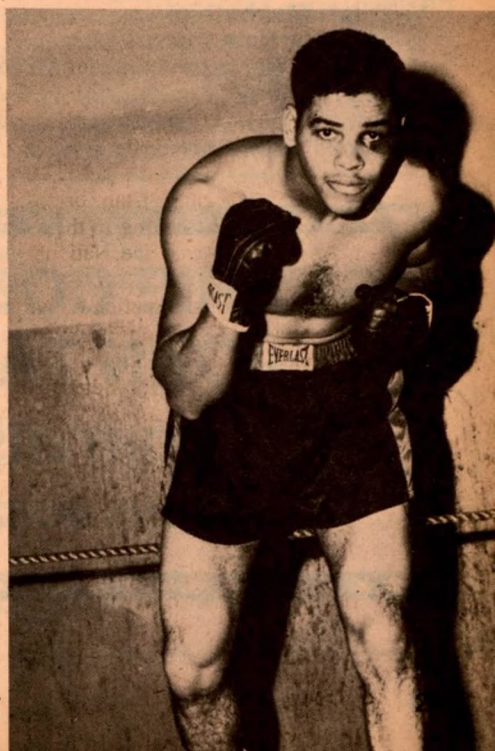
Randy Turpin relieved Cockell of his British light heavyweight titles on June 10, 1952, stopping him in the eleventh round. Cockell subsequently won the British and Empire heavyweight titles by defeating Johnny Williams and, after victories over LaStarza and Harry (Kid) Matthews, challenged Rocky Marciano for the world crown on May 16, 1955. Don waged a good fight, but was TKO'd in the ninth round.

DAN BUCCERONI

Dan started boxing in the Navy during 1945 to 1947 and became the boxing instructor at Great Lakes. He won the Navy light heavyweight title in 1947 as well as the National Golden Gloves title. Bucceroni had a total of forty amateur fights and won them all.

Bucceroni, who was known as the "Butcher Boy" of Philadelphia, won thirty of his first thirty-one pro bouts. Bob Murphy stopped him in the fifth round in New York, March 16, 1951, but Dan rebounded to beat Rocky Jones, Rollie LaStarza, Danny Nardico, and Tommy Harrison.

Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson stopped him in six rounds in 1954.



Tommy Harrison fought from 1951 to 1954. He retired after suffering two one-round kayoes in a row.

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WORLD RATINGS

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI* ..... Chicago, Ill.
1–Larry Holmes** ..... Easton, Pa.
2–Gerrie Coetzee ..... South Africa
3–Earnie Shavers ..... Warren, Ohio
4–John Tate ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
5–Lorenzo Zanon ..... Italy
6–Alfredo Evangelista ..... Spain
7–Ken Norton ..... San Diego, Calif.
8–Mike Weaver † ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Leon Spinks ..... St. Louis, Mo.
10–Kallie Knoetze ..... South Africa

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1–Victor Galindez* ..... Argentina
2–Matt Franklin** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3–Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez ..... Stockton, Calif.
4–John Conteh ..... England
5–Mike Rossman ..... Turnersville, N.J.
6–Marvin Johnson ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
7–Marvin Camel ..... Butte, Mont.
8–Rudi Koopmans ..... Holland
9–James Scott ..... Rahway, N.J.
10–Jesse Burnett ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

HUGO CORRO ..... Argentina
1–Marvin Hagler† ..... Brockton, Mass.
2–Vito Antuofermo ..... Italy
3–Alan Minter ..... England
4–Mike Colbert ..... Portland, Ore.
5–Elijah Makhathini ..... South Africa
6–Mustafa Hamsho ..... Syria
7–Marcos Geraldo ..... Mexico
8–Charlie Weir ..... South Africa
9–Ronnie Harris ..... Akron, Ohio
10–Georg Steinherr ..... Germany

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MASASHI KUDO* ..... Japan
1–Ayub Kalule ..... Uganda
2–Maurice Hope** ..... England
3–Rocky Mosley, Jr.† ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
4–Marijan Benes ..... Yugoslavia
5–Frank Wissenbach ..... Germany
6–Rocky Mattioli ..... Australia
7–Angel Espada ..... Puerto Rico
8–Tony Chiaverini ..... Kansas City, Mo.
9–Gert Steyn ..... South Africa
10–Andoni Amana ..... Spain

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ** ..... Puerto Rico
1–Jose Cuevas* ..... Mexico
2–Ray Leonard ..... Palmer Park, Md.
3–Roberto Duran ..... Panama
4–Pete Ranzany† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
5–Thomas Hearns ..... Detroit, Mich.
6–David Green ..... England
7–Kirkland Laing ..... England
8–Manuel Jiminez ..... Puerto Rico
9–Andy Price ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10–Carlos Palomino ..... Mexico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
1–Joe Kimpauani ..... Zaire
2–Sang Hyun Kim** ..... South Korea
3–Saoul Mamby ..... New York, N.Y.
4–Miguel Montilla ..... Dominican Rep.
5–Esteban DeJesus ..... Puerto Rico
6–Sean O'Grady ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
7–Bruce Curry ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8–Lennox Blackmoore ..... Guyana
9–Teo Osuma ..... Dominican Rep.
10–Sammy Ayala ..... San Antonio, Texas

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1–Jim Watt** ..... Scotland
2–Ernesto Espana* ..... Venezuela
3–Claude Noel ..... Trinidad, W.I.
4–Johnny Lira ..... Chicago, Ill.
5–Julio Valdez ..... Dominican Rep.
6–Howard Davis ..... Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y.
7–Jorge Morales ..... Puerto Rico
8–Vilomar Fernandez ..... Dominican Rep.
9–Alfredo Pitalua ..... Colombia
10–Masahira Yokai ..... Japan

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1–Alexis Arguello** ..... Nicaragua
2–Frank Baltazar ..... Los Angeles, Calliif.
3–Rafael Limon ..... Mexico
4–Bobby Chacon ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5–Arturo Leon ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
6–Victor Echegaray ..... Argentina
7–Roedolfo Sanchez ..... Spain
8–Greg Coverson ..... Columbus, Ohio
9–Carlos Hernandez ..... Spain
10–Johnny Aba ..... New Guinea

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

DANNY LOPEZ** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
1–Eusebio Pedroza* ..... Panama
2–Reuben Castillo† ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
3–Cecilio Lastra ..... Spain
4–Roberto Gastanon ..... Spain
5–Juan Malvarez ..... Argentina
6–Mike Ayala ..... San Antonio, Texas
7–Eddie Ndukwu ..... Nigeria
8–Hector Carrasquilla ..... Panama
9–Ruben Olivares ..... Mexico
10–Royal Kobayashi ..... Japan

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** ..... Puerto Rico
1–Ricardo Cardona* ..... Colombia
2–Nicky Perez† ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
3–Jose Caba ..... Dominican Rep.
4–Juan Kid Meza ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5–Soon Yun Chung ..... South Korea
6–Sergio Palma ..... Argentina
7–Alfonso Zamora ..... Mexico
8–Baba Jiminez ..... Colombia
9–Javier Flores ..... Salt Lake City, Utah
10–Leo Cruz ..... Dominican Rep.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1–Lupe Pintor** ..... Mexico
2–Carlos Zarate ..... Mexico
3–Alberto Davila ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4–Juan F. Rodriguez ..... Spain
5–Roberto Rubaldino ..... Mexico
6–Oscar Muniz ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Al Sandoval ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8–Andres Hernandez ..... Puerto Rico
9–Julian Solis ..... Puerto Rico
10–Ricardo Bennett ..... Panama

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CHAN-HEE PARK** ..... South Korea
1–Yoko Gushiken ..... Japan
2–Miguel Canto ..... Mexico
3–Betulio Gonzalez* ..... Venezuela
4–Guty Espadas ..... Mexico
5–Shojo Oguma ..... Japan
6–Charlie Magri ..... England
7–Netrnoi Vorasinghi ..... Thailand
8–Joey Olivo ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Kim Sung-Jun ..... South Korea
10–Rey Melendez ..... Dominican Rep.

GERRIE COETZEE
JOHN TATE
FIGHTERS
OF THE MONTH

Gerrie Coetzee, South Africa, and John Tate, U.S.A., are co-winners of this month's fighter of the month award–Coetzee for his one-round TKO victory over Leon Spinks and Tate for his kayo over another South African, Kallie Knoetze.

Runner-ups: world featherweight king Danny Lopez, former world lightweight king Roberto Duran, new WBA lightweight champion Ernesto Espana and U.S. heavyweight king Mike Weaver.

Coetzee's victory over Spinks moves him from ninth to second, as Leon drops from second to ninth. Tate moves from tenth to four and Knoetze, loser to Big John, falls from third to tenth. Shavers moves up one place from fourth to third. Weaver remains eighth.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS – Conteh's win over Ivy Brown moves him from fifth to fourth, Rossman, inactive, drops from fourth to fifth. Camel, beating Sharkey, moves from ninth to seventh, Koopman's victory over Amory jumps him to eighth from tenth. Inactive Scott and Burnett fall to ninth and tenth.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS – Makathini's kayo over Gary Guiden moves him from sixth to fifth, Hamsho falls from fifth to sixth. Georg Steinherr, Germany, won over Joey Bonnetaz, which makes him tenth and Gert Steyn moves into the junior middles in the nine spot.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS – Chiaverini's defeat by Leonard drops him from four to eight. Benes' victory over Amani makes him four from five with Andoni dropping from nine to ten. Frank Wissenback and Angel Espada both move up on wins, Frank from eight to five, Angel fromm ten to seven. Ross comes out; he retired. Mosley remains third with a U.S. title defense against Daryl Penn.

WELTERWEIGHTS – Duran's victory over Palomino moves him from fifth to third, Carlo's falls from seventh to tenth. Ranzany remains fourth by his victory over Clyde Gray, who is dropped and replaced by Manuel Jiminez in eighth, while inactive Shields is dropped out to make room for Andy Price in ninth. Andy beat Vicente Hernandez. Hearns falls from third to fifth, because of the activity in the division. Leonard still second, after defeating Chiaverini. Green and Laing move up a spot.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS – Korea's Kim's WBC title defense against Guissipi moves him from fifth to second. DeJesus, inactive, falls from second to fifth. Replacing Jiminez, who moves up to the welters, is Sammy Ayala, tenth.

LIGHTWEIGHTS – Ernesto Espana, WBA lightweight king, is now second. Noel loser, to Espana, is now third from second. Lira falls to fourth from third. Davis' win over JoseHernandez jumps him to sixth from seventh. Morales is now seventh with inactive Fernandez falling from fourth to eighth. Pitalua drops from sixth to ninth, inactive.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS – Espana moves into the lights and is replaced by Rodolfo Sanchez, who defeated Carlos Hernandez for the EBU crown. Hernandez drops from eight to nine while Sanchez is ranked seventh. British Commonwealth junior light king John Aba replaces the inactive Vezzoli. Aba is ranked tenth.

FEATHERWEIGHTS – Castillo remains second with a successful defense of his US title over Jimmy Martinez. Ayala falls from fifth to sixth, losing to world champion Danny Lopez. Malvarez is up from sixth to fifth due to Ayala's defeat.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS – Jose Caba wins over Gustavo Lara and moves from fourth to third. Meza's victory over Rosendo Ramirez moves him from sixth to fourth and Palma falls from third to sixth, inactive. Alfonso Zamora moves out of the bantams to seventh in the juniors. Hong drops out to make room for him, and inactive Flores drops to ninth.

BANTAMWEIGHTS – Pintor's victory over Zarate makes him one and Carlos two. Lupe beat Zarate for the WBC title. Julian Solis' kayo over Saba makes him ninth and Saba drops out. Ricardo Bennett returns to the top ten in tenth with a win over Aurelliano Castillo. Zamora is now ranked in the junior feathers, Sandoval and Hernandez both move up to seventh and eighth due to Zamora.

FLYWEIGHTS – No new movements in the division.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	PRO DEBUT	TOTAL BOUTS	WON	LOST	DRAWS	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Franco Thomas	9/77	16	14	2	0	9
Clarksburg, W. Va.						
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Pinklon Thomas	7/78	6	6	0	0	5
Seattle, Wash.						
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Randy Cobb	3/77	9	9	0	0	9
Philadelphia, Pa.						
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Mircea Simon	3/79	10	9	0	1	6
Los Angeles, Calif.						

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

(AS OF JUNE 27, 1979)

HEAVYWEIGHTS

* MIKE WEAVER, Los Angeles, Calif.
1–Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
2–John Tate, Knoxville, Tenn.
3–Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
4–Leon Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
5–Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
6–Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
7–Ossie Ocasio, Puerto Rico
8–Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
9–Willie Shannon, Orlando, Fla.
10–Mike Dokes, Akron, Ohio
11–Dino Dennis, Attleboro, Mass.
12–Gerrie Cooney, New York, N.Y.
13–Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
14–Eddie Gregory, New York, N.Y.
15–Kevin Isaac, New York, N.Y.
#–Muhammad Ali, Chicago, Ill.
XX–Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT
1–Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
2–Mike Rossman, Turnersville, N.J.
3–Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.
4–Marvin Camel, Butte, Mont.
5–James Scott, Rahway, N.J.
6–Jessie Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico
8–Vonzell Johnson, Columbus, Ohio
9–Sal San Filippo, Jersey City, N.J.
10–Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
11–Ramon Ranquilla, Union City, N.J.
12–Tommy Evans, Los Angeles, Calif.
13–Jerry Martin, Philadelphia, Pa.
14–Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, La.
15–James Salerno, Orlando, Fla.
XX–Matt Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

* MARVIN HAGLER, Brockton, Mass.
1–Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
2–Ronnie Harris, Akron, Ohio
3–Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
4–Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
5–David Love, Los Angeles, Calif.
6–Mike Baker, Washington, D.C.
7–Dwight Davison, Detroit, Mich.
8–Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Wilford Scypion, Houston, Texas
10–Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
11–Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
12–Edgar Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz.
13–Sammy NeSmith, Indianapolis, Ind.
14–Roger Leonard, Palmer Park, Md.
15–Rusty Rosenberger, Paterson, N.J.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

* ROCKY MOSLEY, JR., Las Vegas, Nev.
1–Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2–Tony Chiaverini, Kansas City, Mo.
3–Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
4–Jerry Cheatman, Phoenix, Ariz.
5–Johnny Sullivan, Portland, Ore.
6–Wilson Bell, Detroit, Mich.
7–Freddy Johnson, New Orleans, La.
8–Mel Dennis, Houston, Texas
9–Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
10–Ken Croom, Los Angeles, Calif.
11–Zeferino Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
12–Victor Abraham, Los Angeles, Calif.
13–Steve Delgado, Phoenix, Ariz.
14–Daryl Penn, Portland, Ore.
15–Joe Tiberi, Vineland, N.J.

WELTERWEIGHTS

* PETE RANZANY, Sacramento, Calif.
1–Ray Leonard, Palmer Park, Md.
2–Thomas Hearns, Detroit, Mich.
3–Manuel Jiminez, Puerto Rico
4–Andy Price, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–Larry Bonds, Denver, Colo.
6–Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Adolph Viruet, Phoenix, Ariz.
8–Domingo Ayala, Puerto Rico
9–Dale Staley, Hillcrest Hgts., Md.
10–Marvin Jenkins, Charleston, S.C.
11–Louis Resto, New York, N.Y.
12–Nino Gonzalez, Bayonne, N.J.
13–Pete Seward, Columbus, Ohio
14–Curtis Parker, Philadelphia, Pa.
15–Ed Modicue, Fort Worth, Texas
#–Wilfred Benitez, Puerto Rico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT
1—Saoul Mamby, New York, N.Y.
2—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
3—Sean O'Grady, Oklahoma City, Okla.
4—Bruce Curry, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Sammy Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
6—Jimmy Corkum, Boston, Mass.
7—Tony Petronelli, Brockton, Mass.
8—Johnny Turner, New York, N.Y.
9—Curtis Ramsey, Portland, Ore.
10—Willie Rodriguez, Allentown, Pa.
11—Jimmy Heair, Memphis, Tenn.
12—Leroy Haley, Las Vegas, Nev.
13—Steve Chase, Kelso, Wash.
14—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
15—Ron Cummings, Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT
1–Johnny Lira, Chicago, Ill.
2–Howard Davis, Glen Cove, N.Y.
3–Jorge Morales, Puerto Rico
4–Herman Montes, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–Andrew Ganigan, Honolulu, Hawaii
6–Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati, Ohio
7–Hilmer Kenty, Columbus, Ohio
8–Ruby Ortiz, New York, N.Y.
9–Termite Watkins, Houston, Texas
10–Arcadio Suarez, New York, N.Y.
11–Edwin Viruet, Puerto Rico
12–Louis Hubela, New York, N.Y.
13–Reynaldo Zaragonza, Los Angeles, Calif.
14–Billy Parks, Denver, Colo.
15–Felix Perez, Brooklyn, N.Y.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT
1–Frankie Baltazar, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
3–Arturo Leon, Phoenix, Ariz.
4–Greg Coverson, Columbus, Ohio
5–Ernest Bing, Atlantic City, N.J.
6–Gonzalo Montellano, Los Angeles, Calif.
7–Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I., N.Y.

8–Luke Ervin, Jersey City, N.J.
9–Alex Alatore, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–Jerry Kornele, Houston, Texas
11–Roy Hernandez, San Antonio, Texas
12–Frank Moultrie, Orlando, Fla.
13–Carmelo Negron, New York, N.Y.
14–Alex Oregel, Los Angeles, Calif.
15–Nacho Jiminez, Los Angeles, Calif.
#–Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico

FEATHERWEIGHTS

* REUBEN CASTILLO, Bakersfield, Calif.
1–Mike Ayala, San Antonio, Texas
2–Gerald Hayes, E. Orange, N.J.
3–Jimmy Farrell, Rockland, Mass.
4–Beto Nunez, Phoenix, Ariz.
5–Alberto Collazo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6–Warren Matthews, New Orleans, La.
7–Frank Ahumada, Los Angeles, Calif.
8–Jimmy Martinez, Houston, Texas
9–Alfonso Evans, Philadelphia, Pa.
10–Jerome Artis, Philadelphia, Pa.
11–Juan LaPorte, New York, N.Y.
12–Augie Pantellas, Philadelphia, Pa.
13–Bobby Everett, Boston, Mass.
14–Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J.
15–Gaby Cantera, San Antonio, Texas
#–Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

* NICKY PEREZ, Phoenix, Ariz.
1–Juan (Kid) Meza, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Javier Flores, Salt Lake City, Utah
3–David Ramalho, Lowell, Mass.
4–Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–William Berry, Trenton, N.J.
6–Rocky Lockridge, Seattle, Wash.
7–Derrik Holmes, Washington, D.C.
8–Eddie Logan, Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
10–Cookie Valencia, Salt Lake City, Utah
11–Mel Johnson, Los Angeles, Calif.
12–Jose Rosa, Puerto Rico
13–Isaac Vega, Chicago, Ill.
14–Ernesto Rios, Los Angeles, Calif.
15–Joe Nieto, Puerto Rico
#–Wilfredo Gomez, Puerto Rico

BANTAMWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT
1–Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Oscar Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
3–Al Sandoval, Los Angeles, Calif.
4–Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
5–Julian Solis, Puerto Rico
6–Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.
7–Richard Rozelle, Columbus, Ohio
8–Andrews Torres, Puerto Rico
9–Artemo Jerome, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–Ignacio Osorio, Los Angeles, Calif.
11–David Capo, New York, N.Y.
12–Leo Randolph, Seattle, Wash.
13–David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
14–Jimmy Magnifico, Jersey City, N.J.
15–Carlos Zuniga, Stockton, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS

* TITLE VACANT
1–Joey Olivo, Los Angeles, Calif.
2–Orlando Maldonado, Puerto Rico
3–Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
4–Fred Jackson, Memphis, Tenn.
5–John Carter, Chicago, Ill.
6–Jose Ortiz, Puerto Rico
7–Mario Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8–Mike Stuart, Los Angeles, Calif.
9–Candelario Iglesias, Tucson, Ariz.
10–Arturo Tebaqui, Phoenix, Ariz.

* U.S. Champion
\# World Champion
X WBA Champion
XX WBC Champion

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Larry Holmes stopped Mike Weaver, 12
(WBC Heavyweight Title)
Gerrie Coetze kayoed Leon Spinks, 1
John Tate stopped Kallie Knoetze, 8
Rudi Koopmans halted Robert Amory, 10
(European Heavyweight Title)
Toshiaki Suzuki stopped Heun Won Kang, 4
S. T. Gordon halted Earl Tripp, 7
Bennett White stopped Lee Burkey, 2
Chris Reeder halted Ronnie Stevens, 2, then stopped Stan Williams, 3
George Chaplin beat Mike Korankiki, 10, then stopped Jerry Tompkins, 9
Larry Montgomery beat Willie Stoglon, 4
Walt Cloud beat Lew Lockwood, 6
Pinklon Thomas halted Lee Holloman, 2
Sylvain Watbled halted Joe Maye, 3
Cal Cross and Reggie Philipps drew, 8
Percel David whipped Rahman Mohammad, 8
Earnie Shavers stopped Eddie Porett, 3
Jimmy Young beat Wendell Bailey, 10
Dino Dennis beat Tyrone Harlee, 10

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

John Conteh whipped Ivy Brown, 10
Alvaro Lopez stopped Bernardo Barron, 10
Dwight Braxton beat Louis Butler, 6
Lou Butler beat Leroy Johnson, 6
Jean Louis Martin beat Fred Kohler, 8
Charles Juriett beat Maurice Apeang, 12
(French Jr. Lightweight Title)
Gianni Filippetto beat Gino Freo, 4 (foul)
Andrea Sangalletti stopped Bruno Polloni, 4
Marvin Camel beat Bill Sharkey, 12

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Tito Gonzaga beat Armando Boniquit, 10
Ricky Weigel stopped Paddy Wilson, 3
Frank Walls halted Frank Mattera, 1
Wilson Bell beat Kevin Mofiled, 8
Rene Pagan halted William J. Jones, 3
Wilford Scypion halted Jesse Edwards, 2
Norris McKinney beat Leon McCullum, 8
Jacinto Fernandez stopped Len Harden, 6
Steve Richardson lost to Tyrone Rackley, 4
Giancarlo Marinelli halted Aldo Polesel, 4
George Steinherr beat Joel Bonnetaz, 10
Gratien Tonna stopped Gerard Nosley, 6
(French Middleweight Title)
Jacques Chinon halted Idrissa Konate, 8
Matteo Salvemini beat Roberto Felicioni, 12
(Italian Middleweight Title)
Nicola Cirelli beat Sonny Kamunga, 8
Giorgio Giana beat Cruz Fernandez, 8
Kevin Finnegan beat Abel Cordova, 8
Lamont Lovelady halted Roy Dale, 6
Mike Colbert drew with Ray Seales, 12
Marvin Hagler stopped Jaime Thomas, 3
Bennie Briscoeh beat Nick Ortiz, 10
Elihah Makhatini halted Gary Guiden, 4
Mike Baker beat Clarence Gilmore,
Dwight Davison halted Tom Hanna, 9
Wilford Scypion stopped Jesse Edwards, 2
Rusty Rosenberger beat Tommy Sacco, 8

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Masashi Kudo halted Manuel R. Gonzalez, 12
(World Junior Middleweight Title)
Marijan Benes halted Adoni Amani, 8
(European Jr. Middleweight Title)
Ayub Kalule beat Rogelio Zarza, 10
Tuomotu Hagusa stopped Hirofumi Sawada, 6
Kenji Shibata kayoed Tazan Tobaru, 5
Tyrone Rackley beat Steve Richardson, 6
Alvin Anderson beat Earl Liburd, 10
Kadir Yuceler beat George Lemmer, 10
Erwin Heiber beat Roy Kaba, 6
Luiz Ribeiro beat Dieter Schntz, 6
Vincenzo De Camillis beat Branko Barakovic, 8
Timoteo Bonizzoni beat Ernesto Ros, 8
Tony Cera halted Rod Harvey, 2
Rocky Mosley beat Daryl Penn, 12
(U.S. Jr. Middleweight Title)
Daryl Penn kayoed Rudy Barro
Angel Espada TKO'd Fitzroy Edward, 4
Rocky Fratto beat Sammy Masias, 10

WELTERWEIGHTS

Pete Ranzany halted Clyde Gray, 5
(NABF Welterweight Title)
Kid Zorita stopped Robert Turner, 4
Ramon Dionisio halted Dommy Cotacte, 7
Gidion Toyogon halted William Mardizon, 11
Billy Miller beat Danny Donatto, 10
Jean Symos halted Fredo Roelands, 3
Everaldo Azevedo beat Louis Acaries, 10
Ray Chavez halted Ronald Zenon, 3
Robert Gambini stopped Sam Hailstock, 3
Biase Casoria and Brahim Yuceler, 8
Filiberto Zaccheo beat Vincenzo Bottigliero, 6
Georges Warusfel beat Daniel Boyleux, 8
Fred Coranson halted Jacques Van Mellaerts, 3
Andy Price halted Vicente Hernandez, 4
Harold Volbrecht beat Johnny Gant, 10

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Kim Sang-Hyun beat Fitzroy Giussipi, 15
(WBC Jr. Welterweight Title)
Mike DeGuzman beat Fred Pastor, 10
Jimmy Abarca stopped Al Del Rosario, 1
Noboru Hatakeyama stopped Tutomu Matsuo, 8
(JBC Jr. Welterweight Title)
Marvin Edwards stopped Terry McDuffy, 1
Luigi Curcetti beat Antonio Sandrin, 6
Juan Gimenez stopped Alain Salmon, 8
Francesco Marcello halted Raimondo Riccio, 3
Eupremio Epifani beat Graziano Gusai, 6
Patrizio Burini beat Pascal Maliba Kibassa, 8
Lery Haley and Modesto Concepcion, tech draw, 5
Ruby Ortiz lost to Willie Rodriguez, 10
Sammy Ayala kayoed Johnny Copeland, 4
Tony Petronelli kayoed Charlie Benjamin, 5
Jimmy Corkum beat Hank Rosa, 10
Johnny Turner halted Danny McAloon, 2
Curtis Ramsey drew with Steve Chase, 12
Jimmy Heair kayoed Emmett Atlas, 2

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ernesto Espana halted Claude Noel, 13
(WBA Lightweight Title)
Johnny Sato halted Nitoy Bantilan, 7
Dony Soriano beat Mar Marin, 10
Nyungil Chun halted Celso Esmero, 9
Ko Tomonari beat Blazer Okubo, 10
Willie Daniels beat Roberto Garcia, 8
Angelo Licata beat Lucien Campo, 6
Jean Pierre Macreau beat Pierre Koenig, 8
Samuel Meck beat Georges Cotin, 10
Gregorio Ciancaglione and Boro Jovic drew, 6
Giovanni Carrino beat Palmiro Masala, 8
Annunziato Sanna beat Giuseppe Agate, 8
Severino Picca beat Andrea Ricci, 4 (foul)
German Cuello beat Herman Montes, 10
Tim Martinez beat Fernando Reyes, 5
Gonzalo Montelano stopped Jose Osuna, 4
Jorge Morales beat Negro Campo, 10
Herman Montes lost to German Cuello
Howard Davis stopped Jose Hernandez, 7
Aaron Pryor beat Jose Fernandez
Helmer Kenty halted Danny Benitez, 4
Jimmy Blevins beat Larry Stanton, 10

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS

Young Dela Cruz beat Rocky Gernandino, 10
Romeo Olivetti stopped Alex Davis, 8
Boy Reyes beat Alex Bitong, 10
Rony Cunanan stopped Primo Bulambao, 7
Fred Basa beat Mar Agustin, 10

Lito Pena beat Eddie Camero, 10
Lionel Harney beat Louis Avila, 4
Dan M'Putu beat Bingo Crooks, 8
Salvatore Liscapade beat Sergio Emili, 12
(Italian Jr. Lightweight Title)
Franco Siddu beat Melquiades Da Silva, 8
Abass Macauley stopped Vincenzo Morana, 5
Rodolfo Sanchez whipped Carlos Hermandez, 12
(European Jr. Lightweight Title)
Frankie Baltazar kayoed Negro Campos, 6
Arturo Leon beat Ernesto Herrera, 10

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Danny Lopez kayoed Mike Ayala, 15
(World Featherweight Title)
Jimmy Farrell kayoed Eddie Bracetty, 7
Ric Diamale beat Ric Quijano, 10
Fel Viescesca halted Eddie Ballaran, 7
Fred Roach stopped Rey Santiago, 6
Leonardo Moreno stopped Saul Fernandez, 2
Rosendo Ramirez beat Jose Valdez, 10
Francisco Ponce lost to Alex Garcia, 10
Tommy Young stopped Jaime Lara, 1
Giancarlo Ravaioli beat Domenico Palumbo, 6
Salvatore Melluzzo stopped Salvotore Avella, 5
Jimmy Flint halted Gianfranco Lalli, 1
Ruben Castillo whipped Jimmy Martinez, 12
(U.S. Featherweight Title)

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS

Wilfredo Gomez kayoed Julio Hernandez, 5
(World Junior Featherweight Title)
Ricardo Cardona beat Chung Sun-Hyun, 15
(WBA Junior Featherweight Title)
Rey Naduma Jr. stopped Jun Belemac, 7
Fernando Cabanela and Ruby Pataling drew, 10
San Sacristan beat Andy Saxon, 10
Takashi Uezu beat Jyo Araki, 10
Yukio Segawa halted Ely Barrios, 2
Dennis Quimayousie beat Mike Rodriguez, 4
Juan Meza kayoed Rosendo Ramirez, 5
Rocky Lockridge stopped Mike Maldonado, 2
Derrik Holmes kayoed Felix Rodriguez, 2

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Lupe Pintor decisioned Carlos Zarate, 15
(WBC Bantamweight Title)
Arnel Arrozal stopped Bernabe Villacampo, 4
Ador Seguin whipped Rolando Rosuento, 10
Noe Canino and Hadji Humanid drew, 10
Ronald Sumalis beat Noe Canino, 10
Larry Enriquez stopped Rey Orbino, 2
Roy Arcillas halted Gerry Dominguez, 4
Raffy Saulong beat Rene Cruz
Kosea Anan whipped Isao Okahashi, 10
Lorenzo Ramirez stopped Del Cornegio, 5
Leo Randolph beat Pee Man Jones, 10
Julian Solis kayoed Julio Saba, 8
Alberto Davila beat Frank Granados, 10
Carlos Zuniga kayoed Catalino Flores, 7
Angel Marrera halted Gilbert Gans, 4

FLYWEIGHTS

Siony Carupo beat Ver Libradilla, 12
(Philippines Jr. Flyweight Title)
Frank Cedeno beat Lino Boy Base, 10
Flash Jagdon and Diego Del Villa drew, 10
Melchor Degsi beat Ben Aldeguer, 10
Tito Abella stopped Jimmy Boy, 4
George Pedroso beat Abdul Marajan, 10
Little Carupo stopped Chris Maratas, 6
Ali Formentera halted Rene Busayong, 10
Danilo Inocian stopped Danilo Gonzaga, 2
Tugumasa Toma beat Torayuki Nanahya, 10
Kazunori Tenryu whipped Nobuyoshi Samasane, 10
(JBC Jr. Flyweight Title)
Adelaido Galindo halted Mike Stuart, 6
Emilio Pireddu halted Claudio Tanda, 5
Charlie Magri stopped Freddie Gonzalez, 3

54TH ANNUAL BWA DINNER A SUCCESS

By SAM TAUB

New York City, N.Y.–The 54th Annual Boxing Writers Association dinner, held at the Downtown Athletic Club, was a complete sellout and, in the vernacular of the ring, a "knockout," for which President Bill Gallo and his associates receive a hearty vote of thanks. There was never a dull moment. From the time President Bill Gallo introduced Toastmaster John F. X. Condon, who took over until the climax, the audience was enthralled.

The honorees were received with thunderous applause. Concon handled his assignment well and there was a smoothness to the entire proceedings from the start until the climax which was marked by President Bill Gallo making the Edward J. Neil award to the WBC heavyweight champion, Larry Holmes. The latter made a fine talk and one could easily understand how he became the fighter of the year.

Harry Markson, former President of the Garden, talked about the achievements of Freddie Brown, co-winner of the James J. Walker award, and also paid his respects to a late starter, Frank Morris, who was winding up his years as a member of the State Athletic Commission. Ray Arcel, who shared the honors in capturing the Jimmy Walker award, was introduced by Barney Nagler, Ray reminiscing about his experiences in the game.

Then there was the Al Buck Memorial Award which Bobby Goodman presented to Richie Giachetti, the manager of Larry Holmes, the Cleveland man also telling of his experiences as mentor of Holmes and the readiness of his man to defend against all comers.

Another phase of the evening's entertainment was the Nat Fleischer Memorial Award for excellence in boxing journalism which went to Jerry Izenberg and the presentation made by our own Nat Loubet, Editor and Publisher of Ring Magazine. Jerry spoke at length telling how thrilled he was to get his particular award.

Toastmaster Condon was also busy introducing others who were being honored or among the notables present among them Jack Prenderville, Chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, who spoke of the Board's work and their future ideas in enhancing the welfare of the game, being warmly received.

Another speaker was Promoter Don King, who gave a lengthy talkfest on the sport, his love for New York, his admiration for Sonny Werblin, President of the Garden, who was also seated on the dais, and paid his respects to Holmes, Duran and other members scheduled to perform on the upcoming Garden extravaganza.

President Bill Gallo also made a presentation of an oil painting to Sylvester Stallone, hero of the fight picture *Rocky II*. The crowd

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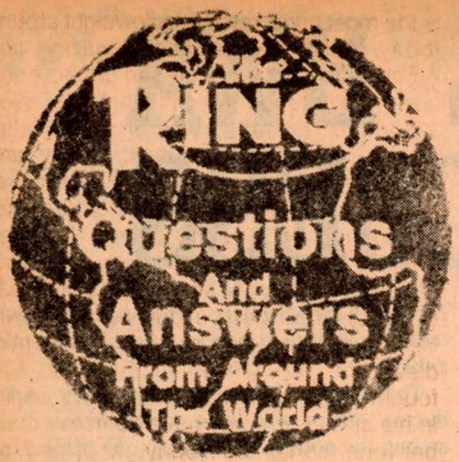
Sportswriter Jerry Izenberg, trainer Freddie Brown, WBC world heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, Richie Giachetti, Holmes' manager-trainer, and trainer Ray Arcel at the 54th Annual Boxing Writers' Association dinner in New York. Brown and Arcel won the James J. Walker Memorial Award, Holmes received the Edward J. Neil Award, Giachetti was Manager-Trainer of the Year, and Izenberg received the Nat Fleischer Award for outstanding boxing journalism.



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Q. Ray Leonard kayoed one Daniel Gonzales in March. According to the TV commentators, newspapers, radio, etc., Gonzales was rated #6 (even #4) by the WBC. I have, in front of me, my issues of *The Ring*, going back to Nov. 1978. I find nowhere Gonzales listed in the WBC ratings in your pages. Surely your listings are the official WBC ratings.

Charles E. Colton
Staten Island, N.Y.

A. *The Ring* Magazine does not print the WBC or WBA ratings.

Q. Is former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan living? If so, where and what is his present occupation? Also, what was his lifetime record?

Jeff Revercomb
Newport, R.I.

A. On last report, Kid Gavilan was in Miami, Fla., working for the Parks Dept. in boxing programs. He worked with the Muhammad Ali camp for awhile, also. He had 143 total bouts. He won 79 by decision, scored 27 knockouts, drew six, and lost 30.

Q. I would like to know if the jr. light heavyweight class is still alive. This class was started in 1967 when Don Fullmer won over Joe Hopkins. Daniel Brewer won the jr. light heavyweight title in 1975 or 1975. Brewer lost the title to Jesse Burnett, who kayoed him twice. Also, he was kayoed by Tony Mundine in seven rounds.

Now, this class isn't worth much, but it isn't any worse than the other Junior classes. Did Brewer retire?

S. Redfield
St. Clair, Mich.

A. There was never a recognized junior light heavyweight class. This weight may have been established in some territories (like Utah) to give big middleweights some work. Latest count we have on Daniel Brewer (Chicago light heavyweight) was his four fights in 1977 in which he scored two kayoes, won a ten-round decision and was stopped by Tony Mundine in seven. He was not active in 1978.

Q. Would you please tell me why the two Dempsey-Tunney title fights were ten-round fights? I thought fifteen rounds was mandatory for title fights?

W. Fifield
Toronto, Canada

A. At the time, in many states there was a ruling in which no fight was permitted to go more than ten rounds. If the bout were held in New York, it would have been over the fifteen-round route.

Q. I am a 24-hear-old amateur boxer. This winter I shall be living in New York and am interested in boxing in the 1979 Golden Gloves in New York City. What is the length of residence in New York and what is the time table of the tournamment. Also, where do I set an application.

Glen Fiscella
Newport News, Va.

A. Applications for The New York Daily News Golden Gloves will start Dec. 20. Application blanks will appear in the newspaper daily. Length of residence is not a factor.

Q. I would like very much to know where I can purchase boxing video cassettes. I would appreciate a reply.

William Morris
Orange, N.J.

A. Have been informed that RCA distributes boxing video cassettes to the large department stores such as Macy's, Korvettes, etc.

Q. How can Pete Ranzany be rated No. 3 and No. 4 in the welterweight division of world ratings? He has hardly ever fought out of Sacramento, California, and against opponents that nobody ever heard of. Ranzany was certainly no match for the likes of Jose "Pipino" Cuevas. Also, after defeating Victor Galindez, why isn't Mike Rossman the light heavyweight champion? Why is the title still vacant?

Dave Engebretson
Salt Lake City, Utah

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I have been buying and reading *The Ring* Magazine for over 40 years and have never seen one that has more reading and pictures. Others have large pictures which cover a whole page and large print and not as many pages as *The Ring*. Also, yours has news of the early day fighters as well as the latest fighters. One gets more reading for one's money.

Elmer Christman
Seattle, Wash.

WANTS SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

It's time we, the boxing public, wise up to the dilemma facing us about creating weight catagories. In view of the fact that, for the last two decades the world's best heavyweights have weighed 200 pounds and over, Simply create a new division, the Super Heavyweight, 200 pounds and over. No need to hassle and argue about changing names and weights of any other divisions. 200 pounds to 175 pounds would still be heavyweight; under 175 pounds, light heavyweights, and so forth. Its time the WB.A. the W.B.C., fans, fighters, magazines promoters and the like start making logical changes for the good of boxing. Lets welcome the Super Heavyweight Division.

Michael Joe McCain
Richmond, Calif.

LONG LIVE ALI–BUT GO

I, for one, am glad to see that Ali intends to call it quits, even though he won back the title. In his prime, certainly no one will ever contest that he was one of the best heavyweights ever. And he did a lot for boxing as a sport in the way of promotion. But anybody who knows anything about boxing must realize that Ali is no longer the fighter he once was. His last four or five title fights were shams. He is no longer the offensive fighter he once was, and nowhere was this more evident than the last two Spinks fights. Ali was content to back peddle, cover up, and hold inside. Ali was woefully missing punches from the opening bell. And Spinks, although strong and durable, is sadly lacking in skill. Ali is doing neither himself nor boxing any good. Witness the Galindez-Rossman bout in comparison. That was a fight in the true sense of the word. It was exciting. There was strategy. There was infighting. Both men were in top condition. It was the sort of match that boxing is all about. I have to agree with Nat Loubet. There are too many fighters to get excited about in the other divisions. Ali could do himself and the sport the greatest service by retiring. He was a great champion. Why keep tarnishing the image?

F. Geiger
Cape May, New Jersey

LIKES FINNEGAN

It seems to me "Irish" Kevin Finnegan is the most underrated middleweight around today. According to *Ring* Magazine columnist, Don Sauer, Finnegan battled number one contender Marvin Hagler on even terms until Finnegan was forced to retire with a badly cut left cheek. Hagler and Finnegan had a rematch with similiar results, except Finnegan was stopped after the sixth round the second time. Finnegan has lost three razor-thin decisions to Alan Minter and recently stopped Frank Lucas to regain the British middleweight crown. He has also defeated tough American middleweight Karl Vinson. If Finnegan had fought more American contenders earlier in his career, he may have been the number one contender today, knocking on Hugo Carro's door.

Joseph T. Pantelio
Rochester, N.Y.

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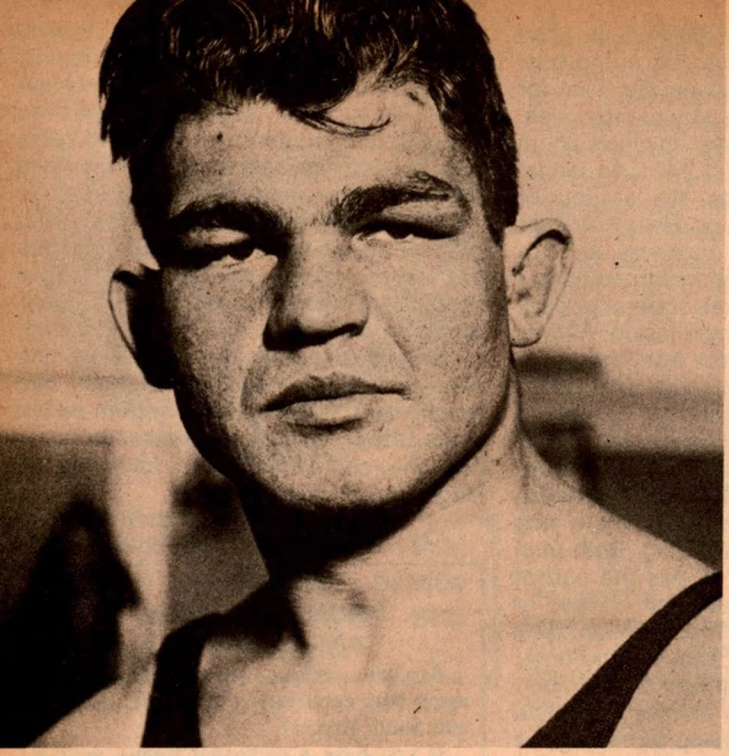


Franz Diener went fifteen rounds with young Max Schmeling in Berlin on April 4, 1928.

Adolph Heuser fought Maxie Rosenbloom for the world light heavyweight title in Madison Square Garden on March 10, 1933.

ALL-TIME GERMAN GREATS

By LESTER BROMBERG

Max Schmeling, a fighter among fighters but also a man for unforgettable drama, emphatically must be regarded as the number one ringman to come from Germany.

Charisma, power, a sportsman–these were his qualities. His longevity on the scene, 1924 to 1948, is less impressive than the fact that he was where the action took place.

Yet his leadership, which renders pigmy stature to other German fighters (with no knock intended on them), shows him far ahead in the ethnic singling-out of boxers. This series, which has appeared regularly in *The Ring*, has previously covered the Italians, the Irish, the Jews, the Black race, Puerto Ricans, French, and Poles.

Parenthetically, Schmeling, who will be seventy-four on Sept. 28, for the first time is being freed from the stigma which he bore for many years–he was no Nazi. *The Ring* has received accurate information on the years when he lived under the infamous Hitler and did not in any way subscribe to his anti-Semitic policies.

Without damning Schmeling with faint praise and using the hackneyed phrase, it is true that "his best friends were Jewish." No one will ever know what he did to help Jews in a pitiful hour, but he did.

There is corroborative testimony from two sources.

One is graying Erik G. Ell, knowledgeable Austrian sports writer for half a century, taking in Schmeling's original appearance, today is a veteran of the Springer Foreign News Service based here for the German press agency.

The other was a fight man of great stature, Paul Damski, Berlin promoter and manager, who came to this country in the thirties and died in New York some twenty years ago.

The writer, without attempting to don the mantle of infallibility, also lived through the Schmeling episode. Truthfully, I was in doubt as to his part in the Nazi takeover. I was younger and perhaps more cynical than the facts warranted.

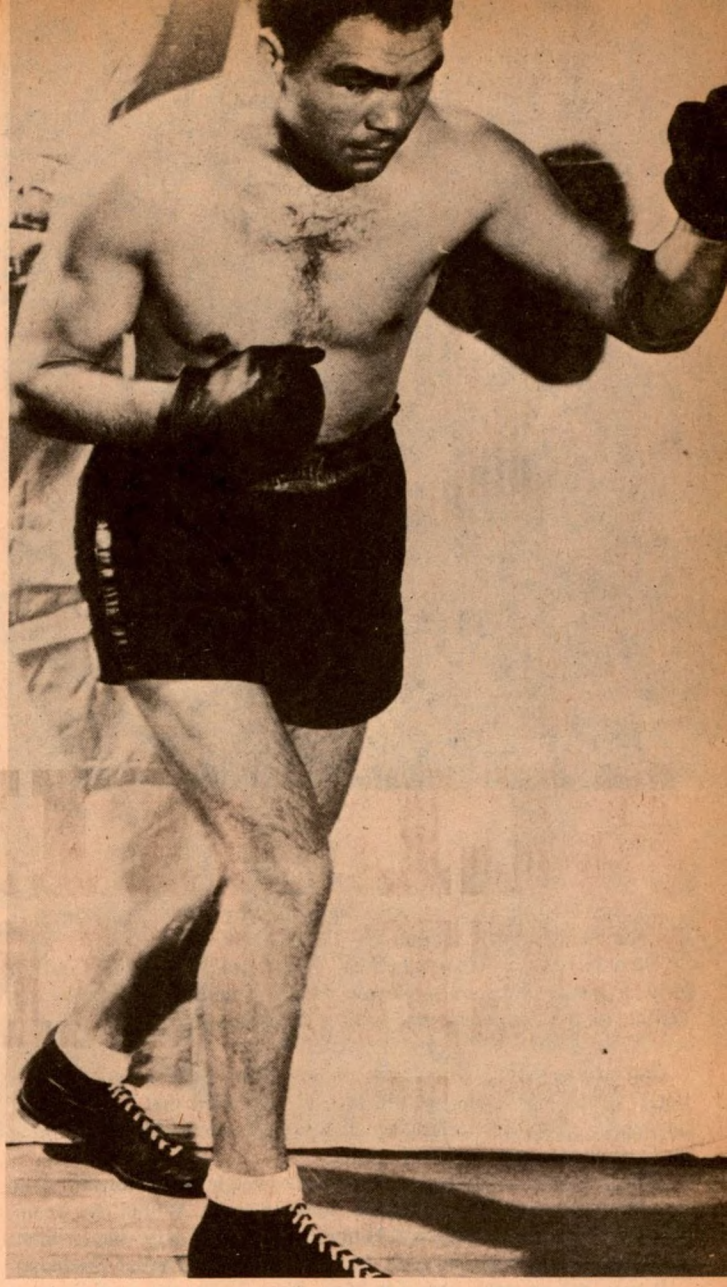
But Ell is a truthful man, and as I said, a knowledgeable man. He told the writer this past May, before going to Austria for a holiday, that he was convinced of Schmeling's ethical, correct behavior.

Damski's testimony comes from the grave but Ell related that he had talked often with Damski and here is what Paul said:

"Remember, Schmeling lived in Germany during World War II. He performed acts of aid to Jewish people that, if they were found out, would at least be grounds for imprisonment–or worse.

"I know, because I was in position to know. People who came here from Germany, Jews, of course, confided in me. I, as a Jew, would have spoken out here if I knew of any Nazi cooperation by

Karl Mildenberger was European heavyweight champion from 1964 to 1968. He started his career in 1958.



Germany's greatest, Max Schmeling, whose greatest feat was knocking out Joe Louis. Max was world heavyweight king from 1930 to 1932.

Schmeling.

"So–and you may remember this–when Schmeling arrived here for the Patterson-Johansson third fight (1961 at Miami), I purposely got him together with Joe Louis. They hugged each other, nearly cried. I wanted to show the world that I believed in Schmeling for many of the things, outside of boxing, that he did."

He concluded: "I did the right thing, it was what you call in Yiddish, a *mitzvah* (kindness)."

If kindnesses return to a person–another Jewish saying–life in the long run has rewarded Maxie, as the West Germans affectionately call him.

Today, the one-time poor boy, born in Brandenburg, on the Havel River in what now is East Germany, is a rich man. He lives in Hamburg, the prosperous port city. He is amazingly fit, travels frequently, and occasionally visits his American friends. And he has plenty, although time is dropping off some of his older acquaintances. When James A. Farley died, Max not only lost a friend, he lost an important business associate. Schmeling today still owns the entire Coca Cola representation in Germany. Farley, who was head of the international division of Coca Cola, made the deal in 1947.

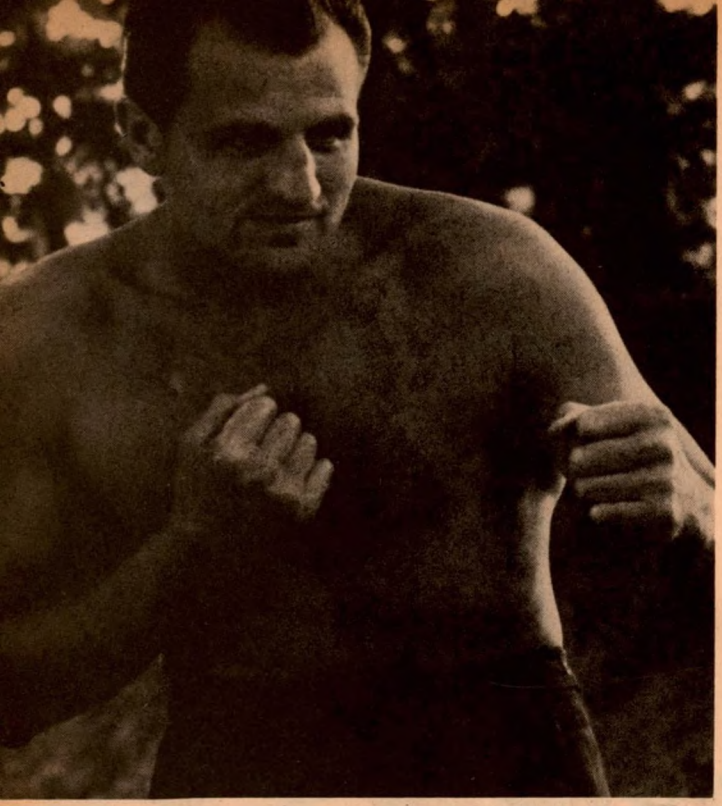
Older fans will remember the fact that Schmeling was married to Annie Ondra, a lovely queen of cinema, sound as well as silent. Movie buffs, who know the European film world, recall Annie as a cross between Jean Arthur and the late Mary Pickford in looks and manner. Her career in pictures was lengthy. Two of her early movies were done by the British director, Alfred Hitchcock, who at eighty, is still a master of suspense.

The Schmelings, who were married in 1933, live graciously at Hollenstedt, an area resembling the Hamptons on Long Island's exclusive shore.

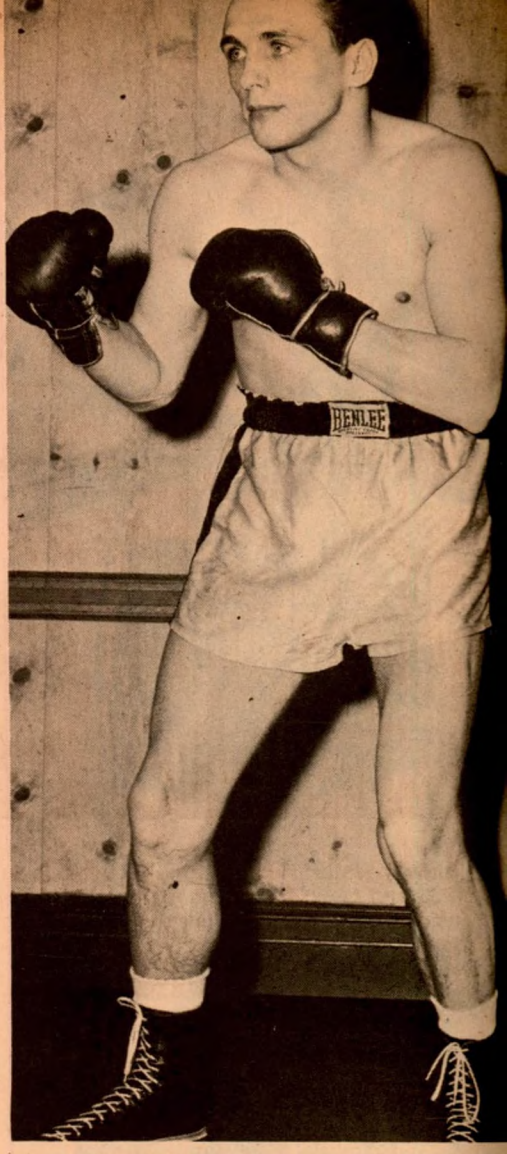
His boxing stands out. In the twenties, he cleaned up nearly everything in European circles, starting as a light heavyweight. Then, in panoramic picture, he became "the boxer who resembled Jack Dempsey" in the thirties. He suddenly sprang into American prominence (world prominence) by winning, on a foul in four rounds, over Jack Sharkey (June 12, 1930, at Yankee Stadium). He created his share of precedents.

But that was only the beginning.

After he lost the championship to Sharkey on a split fifteen-round decision (June 21, 1932 at the then new Garden Bowl in Long Island City), he went on to fight a representative list of top-notchers, winning, losing. For example:



Hein Ten Hoff beat Walter Neusel for the German heavyweight title in 1946. He fought from 1945 to 1955, when Ingemar Johansson stopped him in one round in Stockholm.



Gustav "Bubi" Scholz fought Harold Johnson for the latter's 175-pound crown at the Olympic Stadium, Berlin, on June 23, 1962.

Mickey Walker (KO-8), Max Baer (KO by 10), Steve Hamas (L 12, KO-9), Paulino Uzcudun (W-15, D-12, W-12).

Then he shocked the fight world by knocking out Joe Louis in twelve rounds (June 19, 1936, at Yankee Stadium). It was the first defeat for the young Brown Bomber in twenty-eight starts, most of which were impossibly easy knockouts.

The only tip-off had been Max's observation: "I sees somethings". Later, it was explained by him that he had noted that Louis was in the habit of dropping his left, which provided an opening with Schmeling's accurate, and powerful, right.

Within a year, Louis had won the heavyweight championship from Jim Braddock in an uninterrupted, upward surge. Within two years, with war clouds rumbling and Hitler showing his fangs, the Schmeling-Louis return was made for June 22, 1938, at Yankee Stadium.

It was not an easy time for Max. New York, the world's most populous Jewish city, was cool, at best, to him. He also was, by now, approaching his thirty-second birthday; Louis had the sweet bird of youth by the tail, only twenty-two.

Schmeling always has been a considered man, and when he came to the U.S., he said: "I think I will always be able to beat Joe Louis but–and this is a big but–I'm older, I may be slower, and that may make a difference. But who can resist the chance to try winning the heavyweight title twice? No one has done it."

(*Since then Floyd Patterson did that very thing and Muhammad Ali won the title three times.*)

There was a corollary unpleasantness regarding Joe Jacobs' presence in his corner against Louis. Hitler's policies regarding Jews were obvious.

Incidentally, Joe Jacobs (not to be confused with Mike Jacobs, the promoter, to whom he wasn't related) thefted Max's contract. Schmeling had been training in Stillman's with his original German manager, Arthur Buelow, when he first came to this country. Suddenly, Buelow was out, Joe was in. Buelow promptly disappeared.

Schmeling handled the situation amazingly well. In 1936, when Hitler was fulminating at his worst, he brought Max Machon over to be his trainer. Joe became a sort of fifth wheel. He kept showing up at the training camp. So far as Schmeling was concerned, Joe was welcome, if seemingly powerless. In truth though, Schmeling, as a veteran, managed himself. Machon did not do much more than Jacobs.

Be that as it may, both were in the corner at the Louis fight. It didn't make any difference. Louis was a panzer division that night. Schmeling was helpless. Louis knocked him out in 2:04 of the first round.

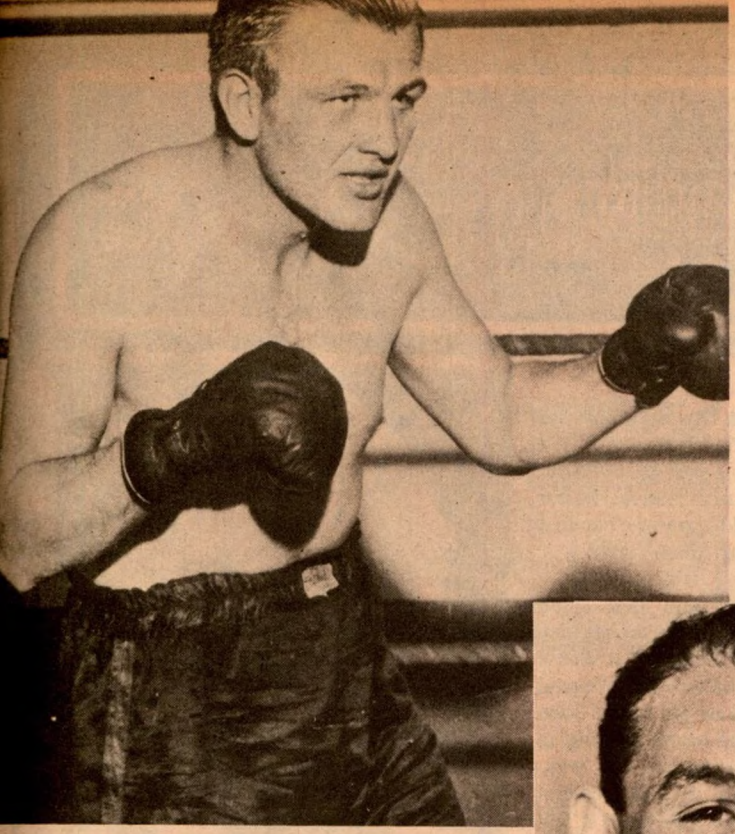
Schmeling accepted the drubbing gracefully, in spite of yammering by the alleged Nordic spokesman who fouled the air and print. Who, then, was the number two all-time great fighter in Germany's history?

Possibly Adolf Heuser, of Schmeling's generation, rates. He was fiercely competitive, but undersized as a heavyweight. He had his share of wins, yet in 1933, when Schmeling was through after his kayo by Louis, he took on Heuser and flattened him in a round!

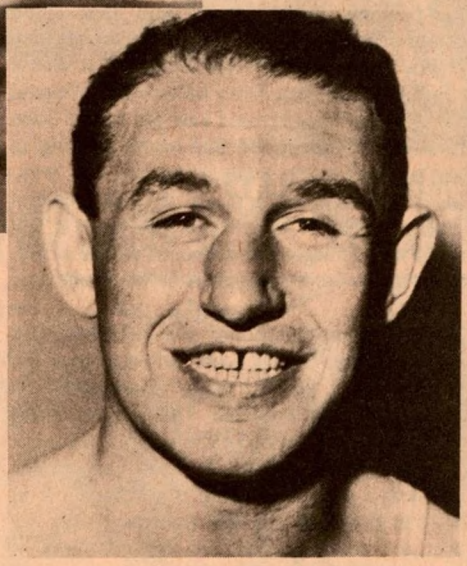
Of the other heavyweights, vintage and recent, you can throw them in a sack. Hein Ten Hoff, just a tall guy; Walter Neusel, a gamester who was knocked out by Schmeling and won from Max when the latter was 43; Franz Diener, an ancient who the then young Schmeling beat in 1928 in fifteen rounds to become German champion, and that's that. Oh, I forget, there was Karl Mildenberger, the southpaw, who was kayoed by Muhammad Ali in twelve, a nothing except for his style.

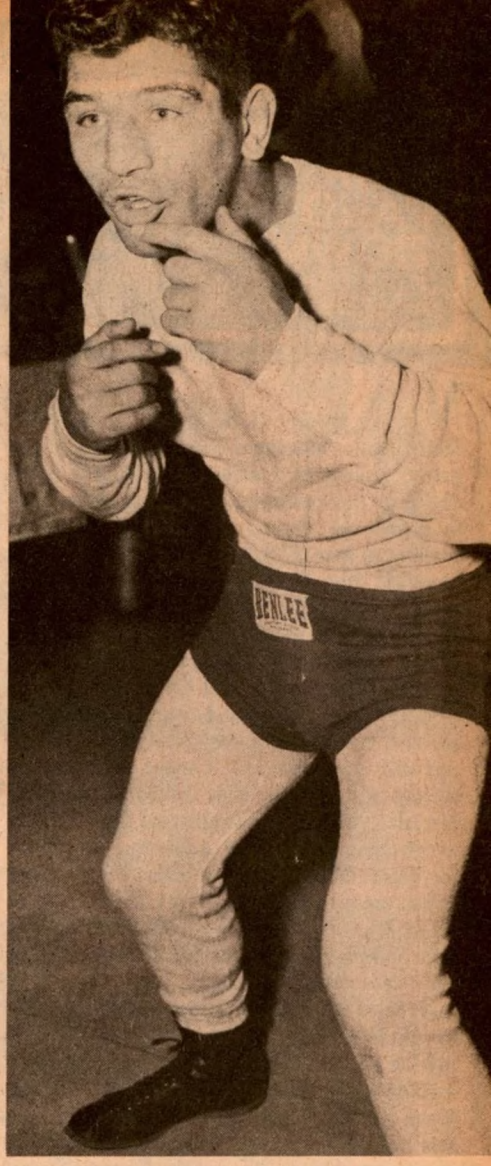
The Germans improve generally as they descend the weight scale.

Among the light heavyweights from the late 1930s, one recalls Erich Seelig. One, because he was among the first of those expelled



Peter Mueller scored sixty-three kayoes in a career that stretched from 1947 to 1966. He challenged Laszlo Papp for the European crown in 1963.





(Above) Walter Neusel came to the U.S. in 1933 and beat Ray Impelletierre, King Levinsky, and Tommy Loughran. (Right) Erich Seelig beat Ken Overlin in New York on December 20, 1938.

by the cruelty of the Nazis. Two, because he had been German champion and came to New York to distinguish himself as a true fighting man. He also inflicted the last defeat on Mickey Walker at old St. Nick's.

A handsome, alert–and luckless–welterweight, middleweight and light heavyweight champion of Germany passed through in the 1950 and 1960s. You had to know Gustav (Bubi) Scholz. He was a lefthander but he also was a deft, attractive boxer. His pursuit of a world middleweight title fight was unending. In the 1950s he must have come to the U.S. six times. He even turned up at the Joey Giardello-Gene Fullmer fight in Bozeman, Montana!

In 1962 Bubi landed his dream. But he settled for a light heavyweight title fight–and he made the American (Harold Johnson) come to Berlin. He had become an old party now. He was thirty, but his opponent was thirty-two. Scholz fought the good fight but he lost the decision in 15 rounds.

When he retired in 1965, Bubi just shifted gears. He became an insurance man; he headed up an advertising business. He's just a pistol–everything he turns to makes money.

Veterans remember Gustav Eder, a competent welterweight in the 1930s. He took all the European honors and embarked on a voyage to the U.S. Barney Ross was then the champion. Energetic James J. Johnston made an Eder-Ross title fight while Eder was still on the high sea.

But before he had landed, Gen. John J. Phelan, a fussy one and chairman of the State Athletic Commission in New York, decided that Eder had to qualify. Ouch! As a result, the Ross money match was dead.

Tex Sullivan, a veteran observer, tells of the substitute match for him, arranged for Queensboro Arena.

"Eder fought Johnny Clinton an Irishman who knew his way around but had no big rep . . . Clinton was a rugged body-puncher, so proved Eder. But Johnny got the nod . . . Clinton was my fighter, along with Joe McKenna, in those days . . . Clinton had a game leg . . . Poor Gustav, he was just so disappointed. He went home and never came to this country again."

Let's see, who else lit up the sky for Germany?

Practically nobody. Gerhard Hecht, a light heavyweight in the 1950s, wasn't a bad combination puncher. Americans got a good look at Peter Mueller, a middleweight–and he wasn't good. Erich Schoppnor, a light heavy, wasn't much. Then there was Jurgen Blinn, a heavyweight, who had the honor of being stiffened by Muhammad Ali in seven rounds in 1971. Then there was a faceless citizen by the name of Franz Szuzina, who got on Bubi Scholz's victim list.

It is strange there are no German names among lightweights, featherweights, bantamweights, or flyweights. Maybe they get too much good old German beer.

But beer or nothing, the man who once was known as the Black Uhlan, Maxmillan Adolph Otto Siegfried Schmeling, belongs in the Hall of Fame. He deserved all honors. *Hoch*!

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

Visiting Bobby Gleason's Gym on West 30th Street, one meets many veterans of the game, managers, trainers, and boxers. Incidentally, the contemplated move of the gym to across the street has been cancelled, according to managers Pat Colovito and Sammy Morgan, who look after the place. Morgan was a featherweight boxer who met, among others, Benny Valger, the French Flash. He is now seventy-two years old.

Many veterans are still to be found there. One of them is Chickie Ferrara, rated one of our best trainers, now sixty-seven years young, and still very active. He's spent forty years in boxing and worked with the best, including the late great middleweight and light heavyweight king, Dick Tiger, a standout. We'll tell the Tiger story in another issue. Dick's gone and so are his managers, Jersey Jones, a member of *The Ring* Magazine staff, and Lou Burston, who had a great career as a manager of fistic celebrities.

As for Ferrara, he also trained stars of yesteryear like Tommy Bell, California Bantam, and Ike Chestnut, Harlem featherweight. He's worked with many former kingpins besides Tiger–the late Rocky Marciano, Floyd Patterson, and Muhammad Ali–and has travelled all over the world in places like Africa, Europe, South America, and Italy. Chickie's pal is Jack Singer, of the popular Flame Steak House on West 42nd Street. He worked with Singer when he managed the late Oscar Bonavena, the Argentinian who met Joe Frazier twice.

Ferrara, a New Yorker by birth, is married. He and his wife Benita have one daughter, Michele.

Jack Brami, thirty-five years old, who did a fine job introducing the Garden and Felt Forum fighters, is the new assistant to Gil Clancy, who books the fighters for the Garden. He's been a ring announcer there since 1973. A product of the South Bronx, Jack does a fine job and is a likeable man. Jack started out to become an actor and worked with Richard Widmark, Sidney Poitier, and travelled with Henry Fonda and Ricardo Montalban. Jack's single and now resides in Brooklyn. Thinks Roberto Duran is the greatest fighter he has seen. By the way, it's also good to see Jack Lee, who is again working as the Garden and Felt Forum announcer. He, like Brami, is a knowledgeable man.

Through an error in the July issue of *Ring* Magazine, in our Up and Down Broadway, we erroneously reported that Bob Pastor had lost to the late Lem Franklin in our story about Cleveland's promoter, Larry Atkins. Pastor stopped his man. We should know–we handled the broadcast for NBC and Adam Hats.

Speaking of the Garden and their 100th celebration, we saw a show at the arena, then at Fourth Avenue & 26th Street, that was a benefit for the great Terry McGovern. We paid $1 for a gallery seat and saw the famed John L. Sullivan introduced that night, holding in his arms Terry's only son. By the way, McGovern was our first idol, having seen him punch the bag at Miner's on the Bowery. But we'll never forget the immortal James J. Jeffries, the ex-boiler maker from San Francisco.

Death spares no mortal. We've had so many of our former boxing stars called to their last resting place by the Grim Reaper. As we pound this out, we read with sorrow of the passing of 78-year-old Petey Hayes, who had 110 professional fights in a ten-year career, and was a member of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21 in Brooklyn. Hayes' right monicker was Anthony Peter Ferrara. He took the name of his brother-in-law, Petey Hayes, a great featherweight in his own right. A native of New York's East Side, he finally wound up living in Brooklyn. He was a charitable man and staged many a benefit show at churches and other places. Among the fighters he met were Joe Glick, Kid Chocolate, Red Cap Wilson, Willie Herman, and Billy Brown. After he retired Petey became a bricklayer.

A former ring idol of New England also passed on–Sammy Fuller, seventy-three years old, who lived in Revere, Mass. Fuller, born Sabino Furello and managed by Rip Valenti, met the best among the feathers and lightweights, among them the great Canzoneri, Barney Ross, Jimmy McLarnin, Jack (Kid) Berg, "Honey Boy" Finnegan, and Billy Petrolle. Fuller had a great career. He's survived by his wife Jenny and two sons and two daughters. When he finished boxing, Fuller wound up as a trainer and handled many of the New England stars, among them Tony DeMarco, welter king, and featherweight Tommy Collins, another great competitor. He was a past president of Ring Four Boxing Ass'n.

Lest we forget, a fine fighter from up Harlem way was another casualty. Many will remember Augie Ratner, the Harlem middleweight. Ratner, according to his nephew, Michael Romanick, passed away on May 14, in Cajon, Calif., at the age of eighty-five. He was born on May 20th, 1894. After he quit the ring, Ratner, who almost ruined Jack Delaney's career when he knocked him out in the first round of a no-decision bout at Johnny Weismantle's Broadway Arena, drove a cab, and was a pal of the late Gene Tunney and Benny Leonard. A World War II hero with a silver star citation, he also received a citation in World War I. Ratner was married twice, but had no children.

SAM TAUB

Steve Riggio, the man who scored a couple of six round decisions over Graziano, and who was honored by Jo Handley's Ladies Auxiliary in Newark, N.J., is still active as a member of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, in Brooklyn. Steve, who was born on Spring Street in New York's downtown, boxed from 1941 to 1959 and was managed by our mutual friend, Mickey Kelly, was a welterweight and then a middleweight. He will be fifty-nine in October. He's married (his wife's name is Lena) and is the father of three boys, Leonard, Vincent, and Steven, Jr. A charter member of Berlenbach's Ring #21, Riggio is the owner of the Barnes & Noble book store, rated one of the largest in the world.

Thanks for the story by John Hood, asso-

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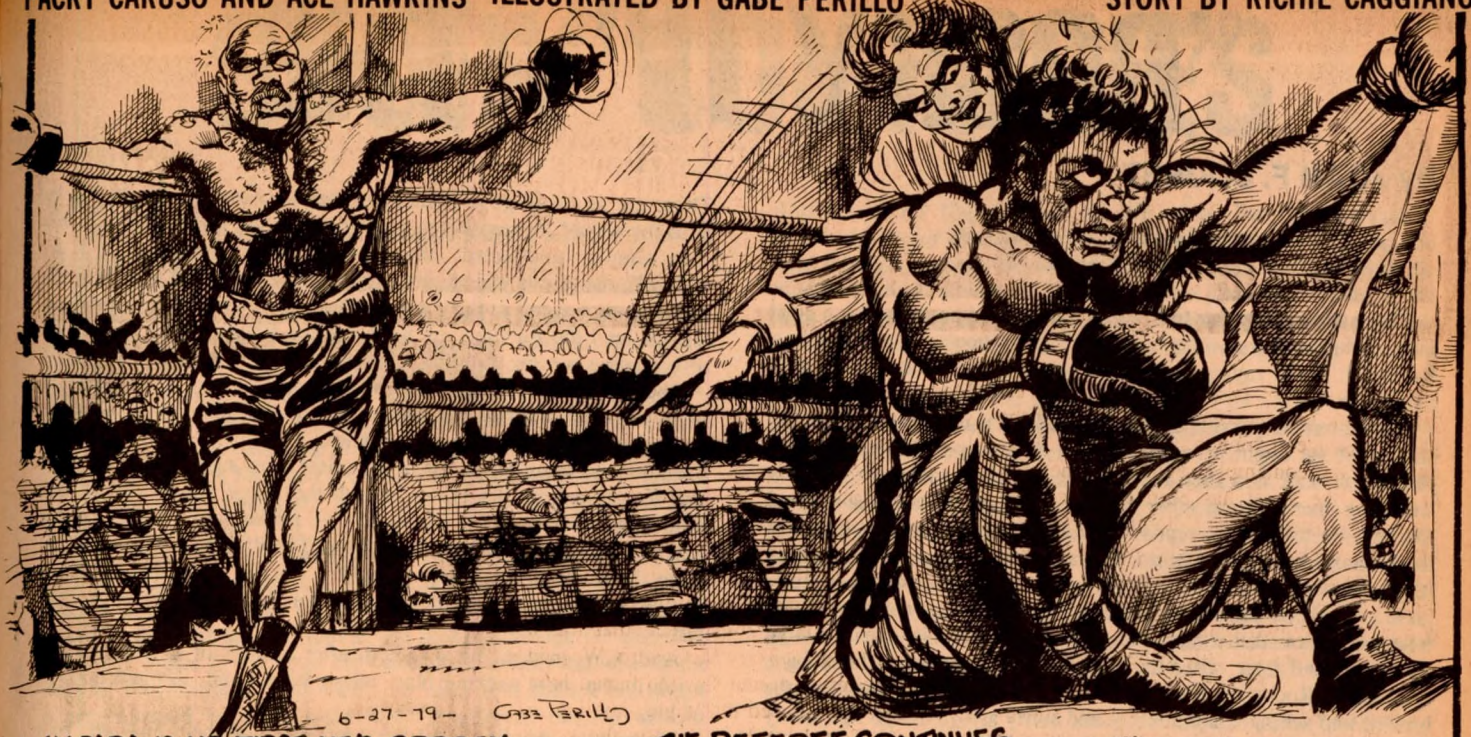
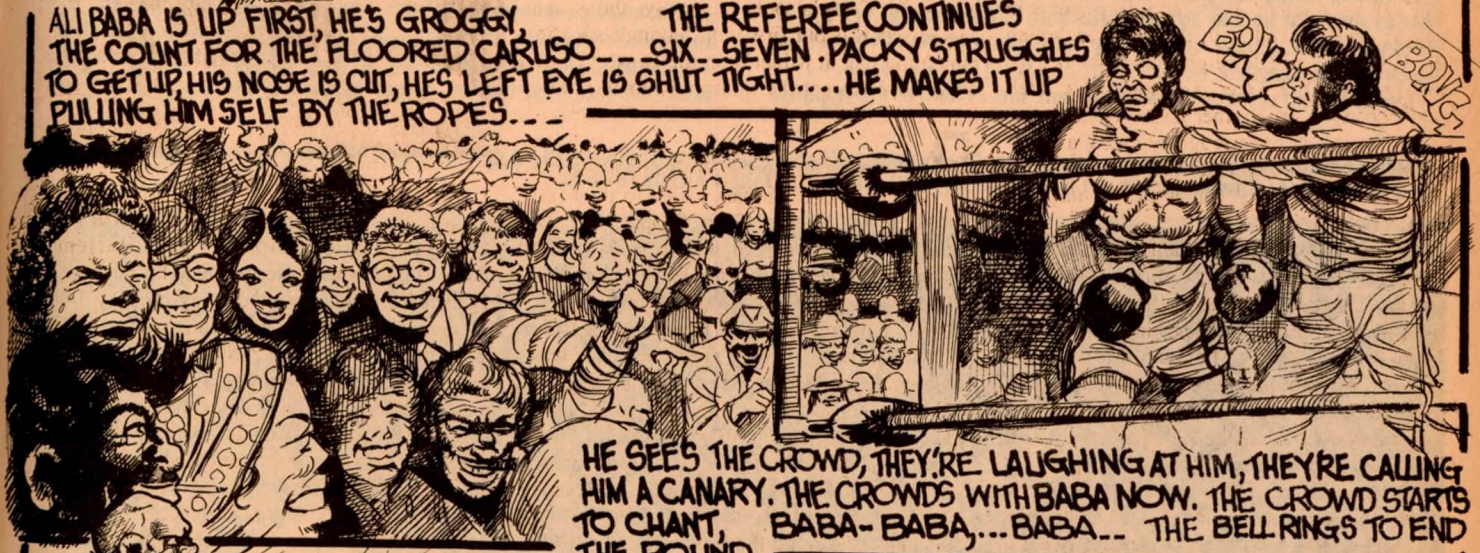
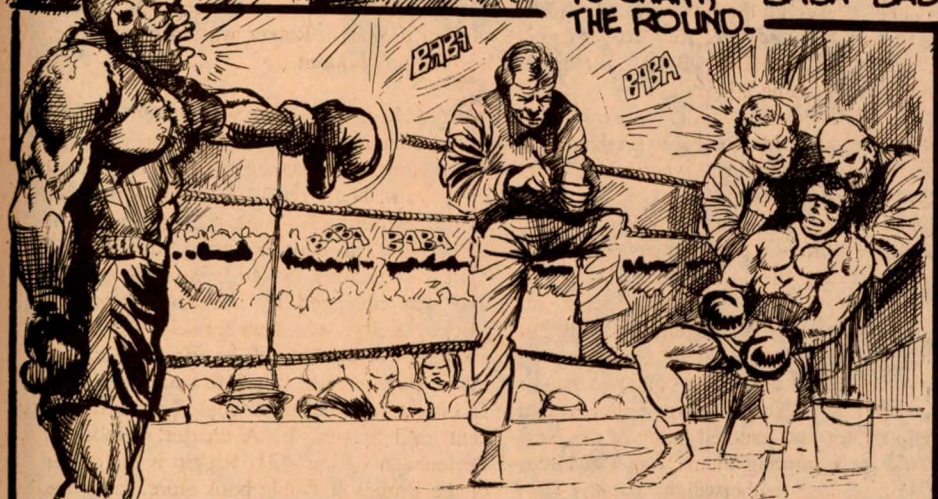
PACKY CARUSO AND ACE HAWKINS ILLUSTRATED BY GABE PERILLO STORY BY RICHIE CAGGIANO



ALI BABA IS UP FIRST, HE'S GROGGY, THE REFEREE CONTINUES THE COUNT FOR THE FLOORED CARUSO--SIX--SEVEN. PACKY STRUGGLES TO GET UP, HIS NOSE IS CUT, HES LEFT EYE IS SHUT TIGHT.... HE MAKES IT UP PULLING HIMSELF BY THE ROPES...



HE SEES THE CROWD, THEY'RE LAUGHING AT HIM, THEY'RE CALLING HIM A CANARY. THE CROWDS WITH BABA NOW. THE CROWD STARTS TO CHANT, BABA-BABA,...BABA-- THE BELL RINGS TO END THE ROUND.



ALI BABA IS STILL IN THE CENTER OF THE RING, HE'S SHOUTING AT PACKY, "YOU GOIN IN THIS ROUND, CANARY, THEN HE PICKS UP THE CROWD'S CHANTS AND LEADS THEM, BABA,--BABA--

AS PACKY GLARES OUT OF HIS GOOD EYE WHILE HIS BLOOD BOILS-----

"ROCKY II"—THE STORY CONTINUES

By JOAN F. LOUBET

Second verse, same as the first:
A little bit louder. . . .

That's not exactly fair to *Rocky II*. One could hardly call it a good movie, but neither is it a bad movie. And how can one not love Rocky? It's like saying bad things about motherhood and the Boy Scouts.

On the remote possibility that the reader has not already rushed to see it, let me begin by reporting that Sylvester Stallone, this time director as well as author and actor, has come through with another smashing opening (remember the fine club fight scene of the original *Rocky*?)–no less than a reprise of the Great Fight itself, which was the climax of the first picture. It grabs your insides just as hard as it did the first time. The scenes immediately following are pretty great, too. The ambulance careens through the city streets to the tremendous sound that has become known as "*Rocky* music," siren shrieking; and later, after the repairs to the battered fighters have been made, Rocky steals to Apollo Creed's darkened room where the bruised and aching champion lies and softly asks, through lips barely able to move, if he had "given it his best." We nod our heads with Rocky in quiet, almost unbelieving satisfaction at the affirmative as he closes the door.

I wish I could say that the whole picture hits as hard as the opening. There are so many good scenes that one hesitates to relegate *Rocky II* to the sequel, or remake class. The cast is the same, Rocky in his own simple, unaffected, sincere, vulnerable, loving–shall I go on?–self; the plot is almost what you would expect, but somehow the shooting stars aren't as fiery, the motivation is no longer the American Dream, and the middle sags so that when Rocky's wife comes out of her coma we are about as relieved as he is to have it over.

Rocky, you see, has all this lovely money which he is unable to hang onto. He marries his Adrian after a charming proposal scene at the zoo ("I'll send you an invitation, Mr. Tiger") and an equally beguiling wedding scene where the priest takes snapshots of the hero and Rocky carries his bride through the dingy streets, while veil billowing. Butkus, up to his usual fine performance, slides off the bed as they arrive, looking as guilty as *The Ring* dog, who does the same thing. They buy a car, a coat for Adrian, a studded collar for Butkus with matching leather bracelet for Rocky. We know it can't last.

And, sure enough, he is forced, after a series of failures, to take a job in the meat packing plant where he is fired, through no fault of his.

Meanwhile, Apollo Creed has been receiving hate mail and tries to goad Rocky into a rematch, calling him "The Italian Chicken" instead of "The Italian Stallion." Not only has Rocky promised his bride, now to be a mother, not to go back to the ring, but he really doesn't want to.

"You get hit in the face five hundred times a night, y'know, it begins to sting."

The sickening fear, the inexorable knowledge that he must fight Creed again if he is to hold not only his self-respect but body and soul together, builds to the inevitable signing. And oh, the beauty of Creed as he trains after the match is arranged! It's hard to realize that Carl Weathers was a football player before he played a boxer's role; he has the speed of Ali and the looks of a Norton. No wonder Leroy Neiman was delighted to do a cameo of himself sketching the champ. If you look fast, you'll see another cameo of Roberto Duran, former 135-pound champion, as sparring partner, looking like a full-blown middleweight.

Well, after a slow start with uninspired training, Rocky, with Burgess Meredith's bugging and wife Talia Shire's blessing, takes off like a wounded duck. Do we believe our eyes? Is that really the one-armed pushups of the first movie, the running through the streets to the *Rocky* music in the same old sweatshirt, the exultant run up the steps of Philadelphia's City Hall? Not only is it indeed, but Rocky is accompanied by some eight hundred children running behind, alongside or ahead of him. Stallone, in press interviews, likes to joke about reaching those of about nine years old before he could beat them. I doubt it. Make no mistake, the man knows what it's all about.

"It hurts when I hear a fighter called a bum," he says. "No man who gets in the ring and lays his life on the line can be a bum." Bravo to you for that statement, Sly. And for the real training you went through to stage, choreograph, and perform the fight, with the superb technical advice of Al Silvani, who plays the cutman in the film. Stallone, by the way, received an award from the New York Boxing Writers' Association for his real-life role in giving boxing a boost.

The picture is rated PG with good reason. Don't bring the kiddies unless you're prepared for bloody nightmares. The fight is not only more brutal than the first, but Stallone has used the added gimmick of slo-mo as fist crashes against jaw and head snaps back. End of all doubt that this is a gutsy way to make a living, if one can stand it.

And the ending: could it happen? Yes, says Nat Loubet, the double knockout could and did happen. He cites the fight between Ad Wolgast and Mexican Joe Rivers, who both went down at the same time. Referee Welsh helped Ad up and declared him the winner in a controversial decision. As to *Rocky II*, the referee halted the fight with one man on his feet, which he has the authority to do, since he may stop a fight at any time.

"But," adds Loubet, "not since the days of John L. Sullivan would the referee have let the mayhem go on so long without stopping the fight."

Get ready, get set, for *Rocky III*. Sylvester Stallone says it's going to happen.

Making another try for the heavyweight title, Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) is tended by his manager, Mickey (Burgess Meredith), and seconds (Al Silvani and Stuart K. Robinson) in "Rocky II," a United Artists release.

The action is fast and furious as Rocky and Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers) battle for the world heavyweight championship. (Photos courtesy of United Artists)

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By DON SAUER

New England boxing fans suffered a great loss with the recent passing of SABINO FERULLO–better known in the annals of pugdom, as SAMMY FULLER. . . .FULLER fought lightweight champion TONY CANZONERI in March of 1931, before CANZONERI had the world title, and won a ten-rounder. He lost a fifteen-round championship decision to LOU AMBERS for the vacant 135-pound crown in 1935. Many of the boxing buffs in New England ring circles rated FULLER with the best fighters ever produced in that area. He was born in the North End of Boston, right around the corner from the Boston Garden where he fought so many memorable battles and was managed by ANTHONY "RIP" VALENTI, who is presently New England's top fight promoter. SAMMY was seventy-three years young at the time of his death. After he retired from active ring competition, SAMMY turned trainer and handled, among others, welterweight champion, TONY DeMARCO, and featherweight Tommy Collins of the South End. He is survived by his wife, JENNY, sons SABINO and MICHAEL and daughter, MRS. JOAN BUCCINI and Mr. GERALDINE REMONDO, plus four brothers, three sisters and seven grandchildren. SAMMY was a past-president of Veteran Boxers Association, Ring #4 of Boston.

AL BACHMAN, veteran New York fight manager said it the other day and he is so right . . . "SCOTT LEDOUX is the worst managed white fighter since ART HAFEY." . . . this writer agrees with BACHMAN. BACHMAN is presently guiding the ring destiny of MARCIANO BERNARDI, who has been a consistent winner. AL is the son of the late FRANK E. BACHMAN, who managed former champions BOB OLIN, MAXIE ROSENBLOOM, and LEW JENKINS. Congratulations are in order to PINKIE GEORGE, who handled so many "names" in their hey-day–now residing in Des Moines, Iowa. PINKIE is the gentleman who brought LEE SAVOLD, now deceased and JOHNNY PAYCHECK, roaring out of the mid-west, to later challenge the great JOE LOUIS . . . GEORGE was given the most presitgious award one can get in the State of Iowa, when BNai B'rith-Des Moines, Lodge No. 330, named PINKIE as their "man of the year" for "excellent performance" in boxing. Deputy boxing commissioner, FRANK MORRIS retiring at the age of 70 after serving the State of New York for many years–a very competent and knowledgable man . . .

Boxing has changed drastically since the MIKE JACOBS era, when everyone made a "buck." With the big networks taking over., the fight manager of years ago, has no chance of scoring . . . The manager with good fighters should give the fights to promoters who have been around for years and who made boxing–not sell out to the big networks who are "Johnny come lately's" . . Maybe if a federal commissioner is appointed things will change, but it has to be soon, while there is something left.!

These "network kids" have not contributed a thing to the game . . they take everything they can get out of it–a shame, for my money! EDGAR "BAD NEWS" WALLACE of Phoenix, Arizona, has announced his retirement from boxing. In his last fight WALLACE lost to RONNIE HARRIS. His reason for quitting is because of a bad eye. The word around the fight circuit is that HAROLD WESTON, JR., may have suffered a detached retina in his losing TV fight with TOMMY HEARNS. It means forced retirement if true. . . .HEARNS stomps on toward a title fight When DAVE "BOY" GREEN of England stopped RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ in eight rounds in London recently, it was only the second time the Minneapolis welterweight had been knocked out, this might very well attest to the fact that GREEN can punch!!

MARCO GERARDO, gave a damn good account of himself, but ANGELO DUNDEE told me that SUGAR RAY LEONARD will not continue boxing middleweights. Veteran Sacramento, Calif., fight promoter BABE GRIFFIN was fined by the California State Athletic Commission when he could only put on 21 rounds of boxing instead of the required minimu of 26 rounds. Promoters at the Olympic in Los Angeles, San Diego, and Stockton have had similar problems. There just aren't enough willing preliminary kids around anymore. The gyms are full in California, BUT–these are businessmen working out, and the rest are amateur kids. Former Chicago fight manager DANNY SPUNT is in a nursing home, the Buckingham Pavillion in Chicago. CARL NELSON, another Windy City fight mentor of repute, died at the age of 84 of a heart attack while swimming. NELSON was a police officer in Chicago for 25 years, then went to work for JOE LOUIS, when JOE was champion. JOE HERMAN, 80 year old San Francisco fight trainer and manager, journeyed to San Luis Obispo, California, to compete in an eight-ball pool tournament. JOE is a pretty good guy with the cue-stick and chauck. . . .One man I have not heard from in too long is former triple champ, HENRY ARMSTRONG. HAMMERING HANK never did get the recognition he was entitled to after he retired from the ring. There is no doubt about it, in my humble opinion, ARMSTRONG will go down in ring history as the best fighter, pound for pound, ever". The record books will prove this in the future–no man was ever able to duplicate his feat to this day–, hold three world titles at the same time. Truly a great former champ; now an ordained Baptist minister in St. Louis, Mo. The word is out that EARNIE SHAVERS and LARRY HOLMES will meet for the "whole bag of marbles" on September 14th in the New York Giants Jersey Stadium. MUHAMMAD ALI should make his retirement "official" by that time. JERE VITALE, former New England featherweight champion in the 1920's, died in Beverly, Mass. VITALE, trained among others, CHARLES "BABE" WOOD, who is presently the proprietor of the Old Mill Lounge, on the harbor in historic Plymouth, Mass. JERE was a retired builder and contractor. The Rev. JESSE JACKSON said recently:–"JOE LOUIS was to America what DAVID was to Israel". Truer words were never spoken.

"Sailor" Don Sauer, "Ringside" boxing columnist and former U.S. Navy welterweight champion.

After watching pitiful RON LYLE duke an inept SCOTT LEDOUX, it is time for both of them announce their retirements from boxing. There is no doubt. MARVIS FRAZIER, son of former heavyweight king, JOE FRAZIER, is the most packaged and ballyhooed amateur athlete in the country right now: he's getting projected toward an Olympic gold medal and then straight to the world heavyweight championship. MIKE ROSSMAN' S cast is off and he is back training. MIKE fractured the hand in his April 14th title bout against VICTOR GALINDEZ.

See you next month–keep punching!

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

SIMON KAYOES PULU

Los Angeles–One perfect right hand wallop finished off Tony Pulu, 211, Salt Lake City, at 2:43 of the third round of his scheduled ten-rounder against undefeated Mircea Simon at the Olympic.

Simon gave the Tongan born heavyweight a bad licking, and had his nose bleeding at the end of the first round. By the end of the second, Pulu's left eye was closing.

The husky Romanian, who weighed 219, now has ten wins against no losses and one draw. He has scored nine knockouts and has fought a total of twenty-seven rounds.

Promising Cuban lightweight Irleis Perez, 136, Westminster, ran his record to 11-9 with a fourth round kayo over awkward Jesus Hernandez, 135, Mexico. This was also a scheduled ten-rounder.

Tony Cerda, 156, Pomona, decisioned Jorge Hernandez, 155, Los Angeles, in a six-rounder.

LOS ANGELES–Herman (The Kid) Montes had compiled an impressive 17-0 record, but when he was paired with German Cuello of the Dominican Republic, he found out that experience means a lot.

Cuello had too much ring savvy for young Montes and walked off with a unanimous ten-round decision at the Olympic Auditorium.

Referee Chuck Hassett saw it 97-94; judge Bobby Ring, 97-96 and judge Marty Denkin, 97-94.

There was nothing close to a knockdown, but Montes did come up with a rally in the final minute of the tenth round and rocked Cuello.

Cuello, who had been idle for over six months, weighed 137. Montes, who is just twenty years old and lives in Montebello, was 137.

Other results: Lorenzo Ramirez, 119, Mexico, kayoed Del Cornejo, 120, Los Angeles, five; Tim Martinez, 135, Los Angeles, outscored Fernando Reyes, 135, Mexico, five; Tony Cera, 155, Pomona, knocked out Rod Harvey, 156, Los Angeles, two.

SANTA MONICA–In the first professional promotion of the Muhammad Ali group, Andy (The Hawk) Price, 147½, celebrated the occasion with a fourth round knockout over Vicente Hernandez, 145, Oakland, at the Civic Auditorium.

In the top supporting bout, Olympic Games gold medal winner Leo Randolph, 120, Spokane, finished with a rush to decision Pee Man Jones, 118¼, Los Angeles, in ten rounds.

Other results: Lamont Lovelady, 162½, Chicago, kayoed Roy Dale, 160, Cincinnati, six; Cal Cross, 215½, Chicago, and Reggie Philipps, 199½, Los Angeles, drew eight; Percel Davis, 221, outscored Rahman Mohammad, 190, Long Beach, eight.

The gate was $6365, contributed by 1,400 folks.

BAKERSFIELD–Gonzalo Montelano, 135, had too many advantages–height, reach, punch and speed for Jose Osuna, 137½, Mexico.

The result was a fourth round kayo win for the Mexicali boxer at 1:21 of the fourth round at Strongbow Stadium.

Other results: Celso Limon, 136½, Los Angeles, outpointed Joe Castenada, 136, Mexico, ten; Jamie Nava, 137, Mexicali, knocked out Petrolno Velasquez, 136, Los Angeles, eight.

SAN DIEGO–Big Bernardo Mercado, 211, Colombia, had little difficulty with Fili Moala, 224½, Samoa, knocking him out in the fifth round.

This was the second straight knockout loss for the Islander at the Coliseum, as Ron Lyle stopped him there recently.

LOS ANGELES–Robert Turner, 144, Los Angeles, and Kid Zorrita, 145, Mexico, each took turns visiting the canvas, but it was Zorrita who managed to finish on his feet.

The scheduled ten-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium ended in the fourth round when referee Marty Denkin stopped the bout at the 2:35 mark.

Turner, who had accepted the fight on less than twelve hours notice, dropped Zorrita in the third.

The Mexican brawler returned the favor moments later in the same round. Then, early in the fourth, a solid left hook dumped Turner.

He took an eight-count, then was floored again from another Zorrita left hook. At this point, Denkin stepped in.

In a second ten-rounder, Rejebio Rojas, 127, Mexico, stopped Cookie Valencia, 126½, Salt Lake City, in the seventh round. A bad cut in Valencia's mouth was the reason.

LOS ANGELES–Bantamweight contender Albert Davila had Frankie Granados on the floor four times–but the game little guy from Mexico City kept coming back and managed to go the distance in their ten-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

For Davila, 119, it was his thirty-fourth victory against five setbacks. It was a costly win, as he suffered a hand injury that will keep him on the sidelines for two months.

Granados, 119½, was down from right hands in the second (twice), fourth, and ninth rounds.

Needless to say, the verdict was unanimous.

Other results: Dave Portilla, 144, Los Angeles, kayoed George LaBroda, 143, Los Angeles, three; Robert Garcia, 133, Montebello, outscored Tim Martinez, 132, Los Angeles, five; Jose Gonzales, 144, Mexico, knocked out Al Gonzalez, 145, Los Angeles, one.

LOS ANGELES–Yearling promoter Hedgemon Lewis was very pleased with the turnout for his second promotion at the Shrine Exposition Hall.

Close to one thousand folks showed up to see an entertaining card. The gate was $8,120.

Unbeaten Los Angeles heavyweight Marty Monroe, 202, had his hands full with Leroy Boone, 217, West Virginia. Monroe was declared the winner when ref Larry Rozadilla felt that Boone was taking too many punches near the end of the fifth round.

Kenny Croom, 136, Los Angeles, continued in the unbeaten class with a two round knockout over Robert Wilcott, 136½, Riverside. Croom now has twelve wins against two draws.

Candy Iglesia, 113, Phoenix, outpointed Raul Pacheco, 114, Mexicali, Mexico, in ten rounds.

Prior to the main event, veteran trainer James (Cannonball) Green was honored by promoter Lewis.

LOS ANGELES–Chalk up a win for the good old days!

Juan Villa, age 37 and from Sacramento, surprised with a unanimous decision over Jose Luis Lara, Los Angeles, in the ten-round feature at the Olympic Auditorium.

Villa started his career twelve years ago, then twice ran into trouble with the law, serving time in San Quentin. Since his release and comeback in 1976, he has won thirteen out of fifteen fights.

The veteran built up a lead in the early rounds, then had enough left to offset Lara's rally in the final rounds.

Weights: Villa, 127, Lara, 128.

Louie Loy, 130, San Fernando Valley, impressive in his pro bow with a four-round decision over Francisco Pico, 128, Los Angeles.

Other results: Clemente Enriquez, 136, Mexico, outpointed Fernando Reyes, 136, Los Angeles, four; Chico Salinas, 145, East Los Angeles, kayoed Lalo Hernandez, 145, Mexico, three; Del Cornejo, 121, Mexico, outscored Frances Salvador, 121½, Los Angeles, four.

BAKERSFIELD–Unbeaten Gonzalo, 136, Mexicali, Mexico, was much too sharp for willing Abraham Perez, 136½, Los Angeles, in their scheduled ten-rounder at Strongbow Stadium.

Montellano finished off Perez early in the fourth round.

The crowd numbered 1,400 and the gate was $8,110.

Other results: Joe Villegas, 121, Los Angeles, and Chocolate Ruelas, 122, Mexico, drew, eight; Danny Patino, 135, Los Angeles, kayoed Carlos Cintreras, 133½, Mexico, two.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

MAGRI WHIPS UDELLA

Wembley Pool–British flyweight champion Charlie Magri, 110¼, won the European crown by comfortably outpointing the Italian holder, Franco Udella, 110¼, over twelve rounds, the new distance for European title fights.

The verdict was, at first, announced by the M.C. as "unanimous," as, indeed, it should have been, but Swiss judge Franz Marti called it 117-116 to Udella. He must have been the only one in the building who thought Udella won, and even the latter's manager, Umberto Branchini, was quoted as saying that he thought Magri won "by at least five rounds."

The scorecard of the referee, Rudolf Durst, of Germany, gave it to Magri, 120-116, and judge Jean Deswerts cast it 120-115, also for Magri, both indicating that Magri had not lost a round.

Manager Terry Lawless had said before the fight that he didn't know just how good Magri was. True, he had won all his previous eleven bouts in convincing style, but this was the big test. Udella was an experienced champion, and this contest would go a long way to showing Charlie's true ability.

And this was just what happened. Magri quickly realized that it was no use trying to knock his man out, and settled down to box his way to victory.

After the halfway mark, Udella seemed to acknolwedge that he had met his master, and concentrated on defence.

Magri went into action from the opening bell, but was a little too enthusiastic, and, consequently, was caught by a couple of good counters. One right in particular produced a red mark on his face.

Nevertheless, he kept up his forcing tactics, and Udella had to defend for the last half minute of the round.

The Italian is nobody's fool, and in this experience versus youth encounter he took full advantage of any openings with which he was presented.

I had expected Udella to do his best work in the early stages, and this is just how it went for three rounds, at which point he was holding his own.

In the fourth, the pattern changed, with Magri deliberately slowing the pace and picking his punches. It was obvious that he had the harder "dig," but the Italian didn't appear in any kind of trouble. He smiled a lot, always held out his glove after being censured for an infringement, and was politeness itself.

To me, this looked like attempts to conceal the fact that Magri's punches were now hurting him, and the Italian's decline started in the eighth, after which he got slower and slower.

Udella was marked by the right eye and warned for hitting low in the tenth. In the last couple of rounds, Magri stepped up the pace, and met little resistence as he drove his man around the ring.

The verdict was a formality, and there were exciting scenes as Magri acknowledged the plaudits of his supporters.

This victory puts Charlie among the world's top ten, but he won't be rushed. He is still only twenty-two, has time on his side, and manager Lawless, who also has two WBC world champions in Maurice Hope and Jim Watt, will doubtless arrange a few more bouts before thinking about trying to make it a hat trick of world title holders, which would bea unique record.

European middleweight champion Alan Minter beat Chilean Renato Garcia, the bout being stopped in the ninth of a scheduled ten.

Garcia put up a useful performance, and, although Minter was in command throughout, Garcia wasn't prepared to make things easy for him.

The Chilean wasn't off his feet until the eighth, but was being subjected to a good deal of punishment, and he was a very weary man when the stoppage came.

Minter didn't escape unscathed. He was cut by the right eye and on the nose. Garcia bled from the nose, and, when Minter put some power behind his southpaw right jabs, the writing was on the wall.

Full marks to Garcia for really earning his money, and black marks to those fans who objected to the stoppage. The Chilean had done his best, and had no more to give.

European welter champ Dave Green, 148¼, gave a competent display in defeating Canadian Lawrence Hafey, 146, the referee intervening in the fifth to save the Canadian from unnecessary punishment.

Hafey was game enough, and threw a lot of punches, but he lacked the power and stamina that Dave produced. Green took it coolly, made every punch tell, and gradually wore down his plucky opponent.

"Hurt the body, and the head will fall," goes the old adage, and it happened to Hafey as he was caught frequently with heavy punches to the midsection.

Dave hooked and jabbed, used a right uppercut to good effect, and was hitting his man at will when the referee intervened.

Substitute Ron McLean, Paddington, 225½, cast a spanner in the works by a shock victory over highly-rated newcomer Joe Awome, Bracknell, 216½, the bout being stopped in round two.

McLean was decked for eight, and, as he rose, in came Awome to try and finish him off. Unfortunately, Joe forgot his defenses, and was tagged with a right hand that sent him backwards. He landed on the bottom rope, and took punishment in that position.

When he rose, Awome was again subjected to a two-handed barrage, whereupon the referee intervened. After a spell of inactivity, Johnny Wall, Shoreditch, returned to outpoint Joey Williams, Poplar, 183¾, over six by 59-58. A good scrap, Wall jabbing impressively, and Williams showing plenty of aggression.

Austin Owens, Reading, again impressed when outpointing Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 129, over six by 60-57½, not losing a round. Keers was down briefly in round two.

Johnny Harrington, Biggleswade, 164, drew with Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 163, over six, but the decision seemed unkind to Morris.

Executive Sporting Club, Burslem–Lloyd Lee, Harlesden, 147, outscored Billy Waith, Cardiff, 147, by 79-78½ over eight. Lee was down in the sixth, but probably got the verdict by reason of his better work rate.

Doug Hill, Stoke, 134, drew with debutant Eric Ragonisi, Shrewsbury, 132, over six. Hill was down four times. Ragonisi forced it throughout and had swellings around both eyes, yet Hill recovered magnificently and was the cleaner puncher. A good fight to watch.

Steve Fox, Wolverhampton, 163½, outpointed Russ Blanks, Cardiff, 162, over six by 59-58½. Narrow, but correct.

Debutant Peter Les Reed, Stoke, 177, beat Keith Roberts, Liverpool, 175, who retired at the end of round two with a cut by the right eye.

Anglo-American Sporting Club, Liverpool–Alan Burrows, Cardiff, 137, outpointed Robbie Robinson, Liverpool, 135, over eight by the narrow margin of 79-78½.

Robinson was handicapped by an injury to his left eye, which had practically closed by the end. Burrows impressed in the early stages with some two-handed bursts, but Robinson always stayed in contention, and had his own periods of aggression.

James Cooke, Coventry, 136, beat Benny

Purdy, Belfast, 138, who retired at the end of the fifth with an injured left eye. Purdy was decked in round three.

Paul Keers, West Hartlepool, 126, outscored Bobby Breen, Fife, 127, by 60-58 over six, not losing a round. Keers is only eighteen years old, but he was too good for his southpaw opponent, who showed plenty of aggression, too. The fans tossed in nobbins afterwards.

Jimmy Hancock, Liverpool, 127, outpointed Carl Mullins, Birmingham, 126, over six by 59-58½. Hancock's right eye was swollen in the later stages, and he had to contend with a grandstand finish by Mullins.

20th Century Sporting Club, Southend–Danny Miller, Manchester, 180, did well to outscore his much heavier opponent, Ishaq Hussein, Reading, 211, over eight by 79-77. Miller finished strongly, but it wasn't a bout to be remembered, and Hussein was told to put more action into it in round six.

Shaun Chalcraft, Redhill, 175, beat Steve Taylor, 184½, who retired at the end of the seventh because of a cut under the left eye, which needed three stitches.

Taylor is a most unfortunate man. This was his first contest in five months because of a thumb injury. Also, he has had a broken nose and injuries to both eyes. All this in eighteen months.

Debutant Richard Avery, Pontypool, 150, looked good in outscoring Pat Smythe, Gainsborough, 148, by 59½-58 over six. A toe-to-toe, punch-for-punch affair which brought nobbins from the enthusiastic spectators.

Lawrence Williams, Manchester, 133, comfortably outscored Barry Price, Croydon, 137, by 79-78 over eight. Price was decked in round five.

Dave Laxen, Ruislip, 131, drew with Steve Briers, Cornwall, 133, over six. A good verdict.

World Sporting Club, London–Clinton McKenzie, Croydon, 140, won his final eliminator for the British light welter title by outpointing Des Morrison, St. Ives, 139¾, over twelve rounds by 118-117½.

Both are former holders of this crown, now held by Colin Powers.

A fine contest, with Morrison down in round six, but coming back strongly, and McKenzie cut by the right eye and looking the more weary by the tenth. Yet Clinton put in an extra effort in the last couple of rounds, which probably made all the difference.

Never much between these two, both of whom were born in Jamaica. Morrison had the edge in height and reach, which McKenzie nullified by getting in close.

Wally Barnes, Battersea, 175, beat Paul Bussette, Kensal Rise, 173, the bout being stopped in round four after Bussette had been decked.

Richard Avery, Newport, 148½, seemed unlucky to get only a draw with Tommy Thomas, Tottenham, 145½, over six. An excellent contest to watch.

George Danahar, Bethnal Green, 162, beat Russell Blanks, Newport, 162, who retired at the end of the third with an injured nose. Blanks had been down in round two.

Debutant Jeff Lee, Millwall, 148, comfortably outscored Jimmy Smith, Tottenham, 145½, by 59½-58 over six. Southpaw Lee took a round or two to settle, but was well on top after that.

Gosforth Park Hotel, Newcastle–Carlton Benoit, Hackney, 179, outscored Ken Jones, Gorseinon, 178, by 79½-78 over eight. Plenty of action, with Benoit able to withstand Jones' constant aggression, and countering to good effect.

The taller Benoit used his longer reach to keep his man at bay, and Jones was marked around both eyes, also bleeding from the nose.

Derek Nelson, Sunderland, 145, outpointed Norman Morton, Newcastle, 139, by 79½-78½ over eight, jabbing effectively against an aggressive opponent.

Herol Graham, Sheffield, 157, kept his unbeaten record in his seventh bout by outscoring Mac Nicholson, Clapham, 163, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round. Mac's left eye was nearly closed by the end, but he survived all his opponent's big punches.

This show was in aid of the Variety Club of Great Britain's Fund for Underprivileged Children, and the bill was arranged by promoter Ernie Fossey, himself a fine lightweight of the fifties. It realised £7,000 sterling.

Civic Hall, Barnsley–Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 138, outpointed Stan Atherton, Liverpool, 140, over eight by 79-78. When they had met a couple of months previously, Atherton won.

No lack of action in this one, with both being warned for careless use of the head, and hard punches on both sides. Atherton was marked under the left eye, and looked to be in trouble in round six. But he came back strongly, if too late.

Steve Babbs, Swansea, 171, beat Tom Jones, Liverpool, 177, the referee intervening at the end of round four after Jones was cut over the left eye. Babbs did well early on, but was caught with a right that decked him in round three. As Jones came forward to try and finish it off, he sustained the eye injury. Bad luck, Tom.

Shaun Stewart, Barnsley, 140, outscored Johnny Beauchamp, Portsmouth, 141, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. When they had met before, the result was a draw. Stewart's jab won the contest, but it seemed closer than the scoreline suggests.

Gerry Howland, Portsmouth, 129, drew with Ray Price, Swansea, 130, over four. Price was down in round three.

Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull–Joey Mack, Birmingham, 145, kayoed Achille Mitchell, Coventry, 144½, in round four, thus winning the Midlands Area welter title and elevating his rating to number two contender for the British title held by Kirkland Laing.

Mack was always looking for a chance to land his big punches, and, although he was, at times, too wild, a right hand decked Mitchell in the fourth. As the latter rose, in came Mack again to apply the finisher.

Eddie Fenton, Leicester, 173¼, won the Midlands Area light heavyweight title by beating the holder, Tony Allen, Birmingham, 174½, who was disqualified in round seven for alleged butting. There was a swelling by Fenton's left eye, and Allen seemed to have had a comfortable points lead at the time. John Feeney, Hartlepool, 122, again stopped George Sutton, Cardiff, 126, this time with only forty-five seconds to go of their eight-rounder. Sutton went down, was up at four and seemingly ready to carry on, but the referee thought otherwise.

John Kennedy, Derby, 147¼, outpointed Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 147¾, over eight by 78½-78, showing aggression throughout.

Mayflower, Plymouth–Welshman Colin Jones, 150, delivered a crushing left hand to the body which kayoed Salvatore Nuciforo, Cornwall, 151½, in round four.

Jones was ahead at the time, but hard punches had been exchanged on both sides. The final blow put Nuciforo on his back, and he was well and truly "out."

Vernon Penprase, Plymouth, 128, outpointed Lee Graham, Finchley, 126, over eight by 79-78. It was the third time Vernon had beaten Lee.

Penprase increased the tempo in the second half of the fight and gave a cool, competent performance.

Carlton Benoit, Hackney, 177, beat Chris Lawson, the Welsh light heavyweight champion, 173, the bout being stopped in round two when the latter was under extreme pressure.

Jones, Penprase, and Lawson are managed by former welter champ Eddie Thomas, who promoted this show, and who has brought pro boxing back to Plymouth after a lengthy absence.

In the other contests on the bill, Dave Laxen, Ruislip, 129, outscored Steve Briers, Cornwall, 134, over six by 59½-59. Laxen looked good, and the margin could have been wider.

Pontypool Leisure Centre–British and Commonwealth bantam champ Johnny Owen, Merthyr, outpointed Frenchman Guy Caudron, by 99-97 over ten.

It was a good fight to watch. Caudron has had over fifty bouts, and never allowed Owen to relax. Johnny got going in the second half of the fight against an awkward opponent, and was good value for his victory.

It was just the sort of test that Johnny needed in his quest to try and gain the European crown.

Gary Pearce, Newport, 147, outpointed substitute Frank McCord, 147, by 79-77½ over eight. The fans loved this one, and tossed in nobbins afterwards.

Plenty of punches were thrown, and both appeared shaken at times, yet recovered well.

Glyn Davies, Llanelli, 121¼, drew with Paul Keers, Hartelpool, 127½, over six. Nothing spectacular about that result, but interesting in that at thirty-six years of age, Davies was twice the age of his eighteen-year-old opponent. Glyn gave up his manager's licence in order to make a comback, and looked as if he was enjoying himself.

Richard Avery, Newport, 149¼, outscored Jess Harper, Manchester, 154, by 59½-58½ over six. Southpaw Harper did his best, but had to take some hefty belts to the body.

Ron Pearce, Newport, 152, outpointed Terry Matthews, Swansea, 157½, over six by 60-59, not losing a round. It was "first fight" for both of them.

St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow–Bunny Johnson, 174½, kept his British light heavyweight title by knocking out Rab Affleck, Scotland, 175, in round four.

Affleck was cut by the left eye early in this round, the signal for Bunny to put on the pressure, and a series of head punches put Rab on the canvas, making little attempt to beat the count.

It hadn't been all one-way traffic, however. Affleck jabbed neatly in the opening session, connected with a stinging left hook, and, in the second round, got home with a couple of good hooks to the head.

Johnson went backward, but was unhurt, and bided his time until the fourth. First, a left jab made his opponent's nose bleed, then came the head punches, and it was the end of the challenge for Affleck.

Although Bunny had held the crown for two years, this was surprisingly, his first defense. Now he plans another early defense to give himself a chance of winning the Lonsdale Belt outright.

Terry McKeown, Barrhead, 128, outpointed Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 127½, over eight by 79-78. Not everyone agreed with this verdict. A really entertaining contest, with Cleak displaying fighting qualities, especially in the first half of the bout, but McKeown taking over in the last few rounds.

Dave Douglas, Larkhall, 147, beat substitute Peter Snowshall, Burnt Oak, 146, who retired at the end of the fourth with a cut by the left eye. Douglas looked in front at that stage.

Another debatable verdict occurred when Reg Long, Peterlee, 194, was adjudged to have outpointed Terry Chard, Newport, 204, over six by 59½-58½. Long was always aggressive, but Chard delivered plenty of hefty rights to the head, and seemed to deserve at least a share of the honours.

Gay Tower Ballroom, Edgbaston–Gordon Ferris, Birmingham, 192, outscored Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 180, over eight by 79½-78. McKenzie was conceding height, weight, and reach, and, after opening in promising style, found these advantages a little too much for him. Mac was decked in the final round, and Ferris was good value for his victory.

James Cooke, Coventry, 133¾, beat Jeff Pritchard, New Tredegar, 132¾, the bout being stopped in round three. Jeff was cut by the left eye, but had been down, and was again on the canvas when the referee intervened.

Southpaw Lloyd Lee, Harlesden, 147, outscored Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, 148, over eight by 79½-77. A comfortable victory, and McKenzie was down in round four.

George Schofield, Liverpool, 137¼, gained a six-round points win over Barry Price, Brighton, 135, scoreline 59-58½. Price was down twice, at the end of the first and at the end of the second. A good fight to watch.

Carl Mullings, Birmingham, 127, drew with Jimmy Hancock, Liverpool, 128, over six. Carl did the forcing, Jimmy the countering.

Chris Coady, Manchester, 157, defeated Redmond Everhard, Widnes, 160, the bout being stopped in round four after the latter had been decked.

Wembley Conference Centre–European welter champ Dave Green, 148¾, beat Mexican Rafael Rodriguez, 149, the bout being stopped in the eighth of a scheduled ten with the latter still on his feet but shipping punishment and looking a very weary fighter.

It was a good, relaxed performance by Green, for Rodriguez had only been stopped once previously, having met top men like Hedgemon Lewis, Billy Backus, Clyde Gray, and Denny Moyer.

The Mexican was twice warned in the first round for "slapping" by referee Harry Gibbs, and had to rely on his experience to keep Green at bay.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
John L. Gardner (E)
1. Trevor Berbick (C)
2. Paul Sykes (E)
3. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
4. Billy Aird (E)
5. Tommy Kiely (E)
6. George Chuvalo (C)
7. Les Stevens (E)
8. Tony Moore (E)
9. Steve Aczel (A)
10. Denton Ruddock (E)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lotte Mwale (Z)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wassaja (U)
3. Gary Summerhays (C)
4. Tony Mundine (A)
5. David Conteh (E)
6. Bunny Johnson (E)
7. Ernie Barr (Ba)
8. Greg McNamara (A)
9. Al Gattling (A)
10. Rab Affleck (S)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ayub Kalule (U)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Tony Sibson (E)
3. Kevin Finnegan (E)
4. Eddie Melo (C)
5. Frankie Lucas (St. Vin.)
6. Monty Betham (NZ)
7. Wally Carr (A)
8. Fernand Marcotte (C)
9. Bunny Sterling (E)
10. Al Korovou (A)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship vacant
1. Maurice Hope (An)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Jimmy Batten (E)
4. Elisha Obed (Ba)
5. Dave Proud (E)
6. Kenny Bristol (Gu)
7. Pat Thomas (St. Kitts)
8. Robbie Davies (E)
9. Larry Paul (E)
10. Neil Pattel (A)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. Hector Thompson (A)
3. Chris Clarke (C)
4. Josef Nsubuga (U)
5. Kirkland Laing (E)
6. Sakarai Ve (Fiji)
7. Eddie Marcelle (Tr)
8. Henry Rhiney (E)
9. John H. Stracey (E)
10. Fighting Hucks (St. Kitts)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Obisia Nwankpa (N)
1. Jeff Malcolm (A)
2. Lennox Blackmoore (Gu)
3. Lachie Austin (A)
4. Colin Powers (E)
5. Clinton McKenzie (E)
6. Des Morrison (E)
7. Frank Ropis (A)
8. Nick Furiano (C)
9. Andy Broome (A)
10. Sylvester Mittee (St. Lucia)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Hogan Jimoh (N)
1. Jim Watt (S)
2. Charlie Nash (I)
3. Claude Noel (Tr)
4. David Kotey (G)
5. Ralph Racine (C)
6. Barry Michael (A)
7. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
8. Gaetan Hart (C)
9. Billy Moeller (A)
10. Ray Cattouse (E)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. David Needham (E)
2. Cowdell (E)
3. Jimmy Flint (E)
4. Les Pickett (W)
5. Patrick Ford (Gu)
6. Brian Roberts (A)
7. Nick Lo Bianco (A)
8. Roger Henry (A)
9. Lindsay Roberts (A)
10. Jimmy Brown (E)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Owen (W)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Sulley Shittu (G)
3. Dave Smith (E)
4. Jim Bowen (A)
5. John Feeney (E)
6. Charlie Brown (A)
7. Patrick Burns (A)
8. Wayne Evans (E)
9. Davy Larmour (I)
10. Tony Kerr (S)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Pedro Solo (A)
4. Ray Amoo (N)
5. Roger Richens (A)
6. Neil McLaughlin (I)
7. Garry Rice (A)
8. Bryn Griffiths (W)
9. Junior Thompson (A)
10. Sharkey Hughes (A)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders are Kazeem Armah (N), Mike Drayton (Tr), Larry Velesini (A), and Glen Howard (A).

Dave maintained his aggression, and Rodriguez often found himself forced to fight back for sheer survival as he was backed against the ropes.

In fact, at the end of the fourth, referee Gibbs made a quick check to see if this was proving too much for Rafael, but the latter was still game, if tired.

Green kept up relentless pressure, jabbing accurately with his left and following with rights to head and body, the latter of which were taking the strength out of his opponent.

Still upright, the Mexican would only concentrate on defense, as Green continued to pursue him. It was cool and it was calculated, and now just a question as to when the stoppage would come.

Rodriguez had shown that he could box, and that he could take punishment, but Green proved too strong for him, and the decision to stop it was the only logical one. The Mexican was providing only token resistance at that time, and to carry on was pointless.

Green is now a mature professional, and has developed into a good box-fighter who has thrown off the reckless approach of former years, and has the ability to win a world title.

British middleweight champion Tony Sibson, 161, kayoed American Al Clay, 155, in round seven with a left hook. Clay made things awkward for his opponent while it lasted, and Tony's timing was inaccurate in the early stages.

Clay caught his man with some good right hands to the head, but they lacked power, and it wasn't until Sibson got home with a couple of effective body punches that the British champ began to establish his superiority.

Even so, there was no hint of an early finish until the seventh, when the referee called on Clay for more action. This had an immediate effect, not on Clay, but on Sibson, who came right in with a hard left hook that put his man on the canvas.

The American rose unsteadily at nine, but the referee continued the count to ten, with Clay still wobbly as he returned to his corner.

It wasn't an outstanding performance by the British champ in his first fight since winning the crown, but, at twenty-one, he is still learning, and it's always nice to have a clean knockout victory on your record.

British light middleweight champion Jimmy Batten outpointed substitute Colin Ward, Northampton, over ten by 99½-95, surviving what looked like a severe cut by the left eye in the sixth of an overweight, non-title fight.

Batten was coasting home when the injury came, which was a signal for Ward to throw everything into the attack. We then saw Jimmy reveal his skills in keeping out of trouble until the final bell.

Batten's left hand dominated the early proceedings, and when he brought his right into play, Ward looked shaken. The latter's left eye was swollen and he looked an unhappy man as he fought back desperately to try and avoid that ceaseless stream of left jabs.

Then a Ward right hand got home, and the champ's left eye started to bleed profusely. Good corner work partially stemmed the flow, but it still bled until the end, and it is to Batten's credit that he kept his cool in the face of intense pressure from a rejuvenated Ward.

An exciting last couple of rounds, with full credit to both men, Batten for overcoming his injury in such fine style, and Ward for his effort to pull the fight out of the fire. Both scaled inside the stipulated 156.

Gary Davidson, Bermoncsey, 121½, outpointed Pip Coleman, Neath, 121½ over eight by 79-78½. A narrow margin, and many fans demonstrated their disapproval of the verdict, which seemed an accurate one.

Gary's left eye was cut in the opening round, and he was also handicapped by other facial injuries. The shorter Coleman is an unorthodox fighter, and Davidson took some time to find the answer. Yet, all the clean punching emanated from him, as opposed to Coleman's wild swings.

After the halfway stage, Gary employed an uppercut tc stop his opponent's rushes, and this worked well. Coleman's left cheek was swollen in the third. Note: Davidson had twenty-three stitches inserted in his facial cuts, and a week after the fight announced his retirement from the ring. He has always been susceptible to cuts around the eyes, and plastic surgery has failed to help. Gary is only twenty-six, and was number two contender for the British bantam title. A more dedicated fighter it would be difficult to find, and I should know, for he worked with me on *Boxing News* for a few years before going on to become the advertising manager of a London firm. He now plans to take out a manager's liksnce, and I wish him luck.

Southern Area light middleweight champion Steve Hopkin, Ely, 154¾, beat substitute Paul Shutt, Leicester, 159, the referee intervening in round two after Shutt had been decked four times.

Keith Bussey, Camberwell, 171, drew with Steve Lewin, Streatham, 169½, over eight. Both had facial injuries in a tough duel, and Bussey may have considered himself a trifle unlucky not to get the verdict.

Elephant & Castle Leisure Centre, London–Billy Aird, Bermondsey, outpointed Tommy Kiely, the Southern Area heavyweight champion, 212, over eight by the narrow margin of 78½-78, and this sparked off a near-riot in the opening show at this new venue.

Chairs were tossed into the ring, there was fighting among a section of the crowd, promoter Paddy Byrne needed treatment, and referee Larry O'Connell had to be escorted from the ring.

It did not appear that the verdict was incorrect, and it is indeed a very sad state of affairs when fight fans cannot conduct themselves properly. Needless to say, all the trouble came from a minority, who spoil the pleasure of the majority, and could well cause boxing to be banned from this venue in the future.

As to the fight itself, this was, of course, Aird's "comeback" after he had at first threatened to retire when beaten by John L. Gardner in a British title fight eight months earlier.

On that occasion, Aird came in for heavy criticism for retiring on his stool, but decided to continue his career in an attempt to prove that he can still win the crown.

Aird is now thirty-three, and used all his experience to edge out Kiely, plus a willingness to come forward that differed from his normal style. Bill concentrated on the body, and, in spite of Kiely's good counterpunching, the latter couldn't keep Aird off in order to exploit his considerable advantages in height and reach.

The exchanges were sometimes a bit untidy, with Aird's constant rushing tactics earning him a few censures for misuse of the head, and Kiely being warned for using his elbows.

There was plenty of genuine atmosphere in a bout conducted in a sporting fashion throughout, and Aird must have been pleased to achieve a victory over the number two contender for the British title.

Former British light welter champ Joey Singleton, 144½, confirmed a previous win by outscoring Sylvester Gordon, 143, over eight by 79½-76½. When they met before, the verdict was disputed. This time there was no doubt.

Joey gave his usual display of pure boxing, outjabbing his man in relaxed fashion. Both had injuries, Singleton over the right eye and Gordon's left eye nearly closed by the finish.

Billy O'Grady, Deptford, 135, drew with Gary Ball, Putney, 137, over eight. O'Grady forced it at the start, Ball countered effectively, and a good scrap ensued.

Davey Armstrong, Hackney, 163, beat John Breen, Belfast, the bout being stopped in round two after Breen had been decked in the opening session.

Julian Boustead, Torquay, 136½, outpointed Tommy Burling, Manor Farm, 136, over four by 40-39, not losing a round.

Wolverhampton Civic Hall–Pat Cowdell, Warley, 126, who shortly fights for the British featherweight title, beat substitute Frenchman Jean-Jacques Souris, 125, the referee intervening towards the end of round six with Souris still on his feet, but in dire trouble.

Cowdell had little difficulty in gradually slowing his opponent down with the volume of his punching, and his combinations, in particular, were extremely effective.

Souris boxed well within his limitations, but was never able to hurt Pat, and the Frenchman looked as if he had taken enough in the early stages of round six. Indeed, his seconds threw in the towel, but this is not accepted as a token of surrender in Britain, and it was kicked away by the referee.

Nevertheless, with Cowdell punching away without retaliation, the referee had no option but to intervene.

Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 130, outpointed Mohammad Boundka, Tunisia, 126½, over eight by 79½-77. It was afterwards revealed that Chance had injured his right hand in the sixth.

Boundka put up a good fight, and at times scored with effective body punches. Chance relied on his jab to annex the points, but the margin seemed to flatter him.

Lloyd Hibbert, Birmingham, 140, confirmed a previous win by outscoring Tommy Wright, Doncaster, 140, over eight by 80-77½, not losing a round. Again, the scoreline seemed to flatter the winner, for Wright rallied well after an uncertain start.

Roy Skeldon, Tipton, 180, won his rubber match against Colin Flute, Tipton, 196, the referee intervening in round four with Flute being freely punished on the ropes.

Johnny Burns, Birmingham, 135, beat Selvin Bell, Manchester, 133, who was disqualified in round five for persistent holding after being decked three times.

Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club, Bradford–Martin McEwan, Birmingham, 162, narrowly outscored Billy Hill, Blackpool, 163, by 79-78½ over eight. Little between them at any

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stage, and probably McEwan's stronger finish clinched the verdict.

Substitute Steve Babbs, Swansea, 174, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Peter Tidgewell, Bradford, 172, scoreline another 79-78½, with Babbs just retaining a lead built up in the early part of the fight.

Chris Devine, Chesterfield, 189, kayoed Bob Bleau, Bradford, 196, in round two after decking him in the opening session. Chris was a substitute.

Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester–Tony Carroll, Liverpool, 137½, outpointed George Schofield, Liverpool, over eight by 79½-77½. A cracking contest, thoroughly enjoyed by the patrons.

Boxer Carroll triumphed over fighter Schofield, and both played their part in making it such a good scrap. Every round was a close one.

Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 148, narrowly outscored Dennis Pryce, Wolverhampton, 152, by 78½-78 over eight. Pryce had been inactive for four months because of a hand injury, but did extremely well against the more aggressive Hartshorn.

Lawrence Williams, Manchester, 133, gained an eight-round points win over Terry Welch, Liverpool, by 79-77. Williams was the more accurate, and revealed good ringcraft.

Joe Hannaford, Liverpool, 162, outscored Alan Worthington, Liverpool, 162, by 60-58 over six, not losing a round. Not a bout to enthuse over.

Merton Civic Hall, Wimbledon–Bobby Hennessey, Staines, 213, beat Terry O'Connor, Birmingham, 216, who was disqualified in round six for persistent holding.

O'Connor used his superior height and reach to good advantage in the early stages, but Hennessey seemed to have solved this problem by the fourth, when Terry was forced to hold.

These mauling tactics continued in the fifth, with Hennessey being censured for hitting his man while both were being warned.

O'Connor was still scoring with good head shots, yet continued to adopt spoiling tactics, and was warned in the sixth. As Bobby came in again, Terry again held on, and was promptly ruled out.

Boyd Farrer, 168, outpointed Reginald Squire, Swindon, 166, by 80-78 over eight, not losing a round, but some disagreed with the scoreline. Both were on the canvas, and both were warned for infringements. Farrer looked the more weary at the close.

John Cooper, Mitcham, 125, outpointed Alex Irvine, Leicester, 124, over eight by 80-77, not losing a round.

Ali Muhammad, Chiswick, 161, outscored Roger Ryder, Bournemouth, 161, by 60-58½, yet another boxer who didn't lose a round.

Alan Cable, Norwood, 143, confirmed a previous win by beating Tommy Thomas, Tottenham, 143½, the bout being stopped in round four after the latter had been decked in the third.

Tony Pearce, Notting Hill, 168, outpointed Billy Keen, Bournemouth, 168, over four by 39½-39. Some nobbins were tossed in afterwards. A fast pace throughout, and continual aggression by Pearce.

Arden Sporting Club, Birmingham–Danny Miller, Manchester, 184, outpointed Ricky James, Rugby, 196, over eight by 78½-78. Miller kept up the pressure throughout, and James couldn't manage to land one of his usual big punches.

Dave Allen, Conisborough, 145, outscored Derek Nelson, Sunderland, 144, by 79½-78 over eight. Nelson opened well, but Allen's aggression from the middle rounds onwards gave him a deserved victory.

John Henry, Leicester, 129, gained a six-round points win over Carl Mullings, Birmingham, 128, scoreline 59½-58½. Lively pace, and some disagreed with the verdict.

Alec Irvine, Corby, 128, outpointed Mick Whelan, Paddington, 124, over six by 59½-58.

Top Rank Suite, Sheffield–Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 153, kept his Central Area light middleweight title by beating Mick Mills, Rotherham, 154, the bout being stopped in round four after the latter had been down four times.
Rodney took command from the start, and Mills was decked in the second, third, and twice in the fourth, after which the referee decided that Mick had had enough.

Herol Graham, 157, made it eight in a row by outscoring Gordon George, Wood Green, over eight by 80-76½, not losing a round. George was down in round four.

Chris Devine, Chesterfield, 186, made a fine debut by beating Peter Lythgoe, the bout being stopped after only seventy-eight seconds of the opening round. Lythgoe had been down twice.

Dave Allen, Conisborough, 146, drew with Derek Nelson, Sunderland, 144, over eight. Not a lot to enthuse over.

Richard Avery, Newport, 151, outscored Jess Harper, Manchester, 146, by the narrow margin of 59-58½ over six.

Royal Albert Hall, London–Highlight was the final appearance (so he tells us) of Muhammad Ali in a top London venue. Ali did seven exhibition rounds with John L. Gardner, Lotte Mwale, and Joe Awome. Now thirty-seven, and scaling around 250 pounds, Muhammad clowned and cuffed his way through. For the purists, it was a waste of time, but for the average fan it was a bit of history–the end of an era. As such, they loved it.

Ali made a short speech from the ring, and said his retirement would be officially announced within six weeks.

Now back to the *real* fights. It was a night of ups-and-down, only one bout going the full distance. European flyweight champ Charlie Magri, 113½, kayoed Freddie Gonzalez, Mexico, 112, with a vicious right uppercut in round three. But Charlie had a first-round shock when a long left caused him to touch down on the canvas briefly with his right glove.

There were some fierce exchanges before the end came, with Gonzalez willing and able to trade punch for punch, but the Mexican soon revealed that, apart from his swinging attacks from both hands, many of which were well off-target, he had little else except pluck.

The shorter and more accurate punches came from Magri, who, after setting his man up with body punches, delivered the coup de grace. And what a coup.

Jimmy Flint, Wapping, 125½, the Southern Area featherweight champion, confirmed that he is one of the most exciting fighters in the country by beating substitute Gianfranco Lalli, Italy, who signified his retirement in round two after being down twice.

Official explanation was that Lalli had a badly damaged mouth, and it is understood that he came out for the second round without a gumshield.

Hefty blows were exchanged, with Flint proving the heavier puncher, but having to take a few as well. A real crowd-pleaser while it lasted.

Kevin Finnegan, Iver, 161, former middleweight champion, is now thirty-one, but still ready, willing, and able to get back his old crown as soon as given the chance. Meanwhile, he warmed up by outpointing Mexican Abel Cordova, 161, over eight by 79-77½.

There could be no doubting the decision, yet quite a few fans booed. It is true that Cordova kept coming forward throwing punches, but, as long as the winner is decided by the man who lands more clean blows on the target area, Kevin was never in danger of losing.

It was a good test for Finnegan, who also had to overcome the handicap of a swelling on the left cheekbone and another in the corner of the left eye. Good cornerwork kept them in check.

Cordova, too, was cut by the left eye in the sixth, and was good value for the ovation he got at the end. But all the quality stuff came from Kevin.

Sylvester Mittee, Bethnal Green, 141½, kayoed Carl Bailey, Manchester, 146, in the opening round. Bailey was well and truly "out" and the Board of Control ringside physician made sure he was O.K. before permitting his cornermen to lift him to his feet and take him back to his corner.

Gordon Ferris, Enniskillan, 192¾, avenged a previous defeat by knocking out Stan McDermott, Basildon, 213½, with a left hook to the head. Ferris jabbed his man off neatly before putting him down. Stan half rose and stumbled forward, only to go down again and be counted out.

This victory was made more important by the fact that Ferris was cut above the left eye (four stitches afterwards) and probably could not have come up for the next round.

Another to overcome facial injuries was Southern Area light heavyweight champion Johnny Waldron, Poplar, 173¾, who was cut in two places around the left eye, which had practically closed. Yet he battled on with such determination that he defeated Greg Evans, Liverpool, the bout being stopped in round four after the latter had been decked twice.

Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham–Joe Awome, Golders Green, 214, shrugged off his recent defeat by Ron McLean (his first as a pro) and beat Reg Long, Peterlee, 189, the bout being stopped in the second after Long had been down twice.

Nigel Thomas, Llanelli, 148, outpointed Mark Osborne, Grimsby, 142, over four by 40-38½, not losing a round.

Terry Matthews, Manchester, 157, beat Joey Saunders, Nottingham, 156, the referee intervening in the third when Saunders was cut over the left eye. Matthews had been warned in the opening session for misuse of the head.

Selvin Bell, Manchester, 132, kayoed debutant Steve Parker, Nottingham, 132, in round two with a right swing.

National Sporting Club, London–Gary Lucas, Liverpool, 129½, outpointed Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 130, over eight by 79½-78. A good fight, a good result, and an appreciative crowd threw in generous nobbins.

Jimmy Bott, Liverpool, 119, outscored Bryn Jones, Penryheol, over six by 59½-58. Another exciting contest, and the amount of the nobbins was even greater.

Only two bouts on this bill.

20th Century Sporting Club, Southend–British light welter champ Colin Powers, 142, had no difficulty in beating substitute Johnny Elliott, Bournemouth, who retired at the end of round five with a cut lip.

Elliott was game enough, but lacked the skill and the power to beat the champ. Apart from the cut lip, Johnny had taken enough when the stoppage came.

Dave Laxen, Ruislip, 133, defeated Joe Mills, Tottenham, 140, the referee intervening in round five with Mills cut on the left eyelid. Little in it at the time.

Stan Thompson, Crawley, 164, kayoed Gordon George, Wood Green, 161, in the fourth round with a left uppercut. George just failed to beat the count. Thompson quickly responded to the referee's request to both men to put more action into it.

After a period of inactivity, Alex Tompkins, 173, returned to outscore Shaun Chalcraft, Reigate, 180, by 79½-78½ over eight. Tompkins was the more enterprising.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

Steve Aczel, Australia's best big man outside of Tony Mundine (Tony holds the national light heavyweight and heavyweight titles), was in top form against Maile Haumona at Brisbane Festival Hall. Aczel, 193, led all the way, completely dominating the contest from the fifth, and, in the eighth, landed a series of left hooks that left Haumona, 214, down and out.

In the semi-wind-up eight, Robert Colley, 142, dumped Andrew Palermo, 144, for the full count in round four.

Two weeks later came a memorable fight at Brisbane Festival Hall. Greg Liesegang, 130¼, who staged that epic with Fred Burns a few weeks ago, met Steve Buttons, 129, in the main-event ten, and this turned out to be the equal of Greg's last epic. At the end, Buttons was on his feet (unlike Burns was) and referee Des Crabbe ruled a popular draw while a large shower of coins and notes flew into the ring.

In the main support, Robert Colley, 144, did not have things all his own way but ran out a points winner over Speedo Duke, 146, over ten.

At Revesby R.S.L. Club, Brian Roberts, 122, successfully held off attacking Charlie Brown, 121, to take a points decision and successfully defend his Australian junior feather title over ten. Brown, one of the gamest lads in boxing, walked up fighting all night, but Roberts was too smart for him and laced him from eyebrow to waistband. Roberts won by a large margin of points but he was not allowed to loaf in there.

N.S.W. State junior middleweight champion Phil "Spider" Davies, 151, met Ritchie Roberts, 151, in another ten that was billed as for the vacant championship of Australia. This had no bearing, in fact, as the champion is Wally Carr. Furthermore, even if the title had been vacant, Davies and Roberts did not earn the right to be contesting a vacant Australian title. Thus it showed in this contest. The crowd was happy with the action but, as Carr said when interviewed from the ring: "I'll defend my title against either." And when asked how he thought he would fare with either, he grinned: "I'd knock them out in a round or two." That is what this writer would expect. The winner of Davies-Roberts? Davies by a very clear margin of points.

Two eight-rounders supported the tens. In one, Willie Leslie, weight card displayed as 128, drew with Lindsay Roberts, 132. If Leslie was lighter than Roberts he must be hollow! He appeared to hold at least a four-pound weight advantage over Roberts. This was a good battle. At the end of the first round, a famed Roberts left hook put Leslie on queer street. The bell rang immediately after he was hit. He bent forward, propped himself, turned, and proppily walked to his corner. In the final heat, he was in trouble again, being decked near the end, then, seconds after he resumed, being dumped again. He was on the floor for two seconds when the bell rang. Had Roberts landed earlier in the round he may have finished Willie. As it was, Leslie gained a draw–and earned it.

In the other eight, Dave Agnew, 146, swarmed over Rocky Maguire, 144, in the third and referee Trevor Christian called it off and crowned Agnew.

Still another unrecognized title fight took place at Mt. Pritchard Community Club, when Glenn Howard, 128, who won his claim against an opponent who had no right contesting a vacant title, "defended" against Steve Gossen, 130. Howard halted Gossen in round eight.

Over eight rounds, Garry Hubble, 168, outpointed Nash Bula, 166.

Rooty Hill R.S.L. Club opened for boxing, and the headliner had to be changed when Larry Valesini went down with bronchitis. Valesini was to have met Roger Henry in an official Australian junior lightweight title tilt (throne vacant since retirement of Bill Moeller). The Valesini-Henry bout was set for a month later, so we will give a coverage next month. In its place, George Reno, 139, met Kelly Thompson, 140, over ten. This had been set as the main support to Valesini-Henry. It was a good bout which ended in round six with Reno a KO winner.

At Preston Town Hall, Nick Lo Bianco, 125½, won the Victorian State featherweight title when he halted defending Metat Balla, 124, in round eight. No knockdowns, but Balla was getting nowhere, so the contest was stopped.

At South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, Eddie Buttons, 146, halted Benny Tabua, 147, when Tabua's corner withdrew him at the end of the eighth because he was outclassed. Buttons thus retained his New South Wales State welterweight crown. Eddie should be contesting the Australian title–should have some time ago. Has not been defeated for more than four years.

In a sixer, Paul Baker, 138, outpointed Ezzard Charles, 137, noteworthy because this was only the second time he has done this in some fourteen meetings. As someone said: "He still has a large mortgage to pay off."

Darryl Carrick, who hung up his gloves on a winning note just five years ago, made a comeback in his own promotion at Chelsea and was successful. He outpointed David Hill in the ten-round main. Carrick scaled 150, Hill 146½.

At Epping Memorial Hall, David Hill, 145½, met another comebacker in Eugene Fades, 146½, who had not boxed for twenty-one months. This time, Hill won on points in a reasonably close contest. In support over six rounds, Greg Grogan, Australian amateur bantam champion in 1976, made his pro debut a winning one by halting veteran Guinea Hillier in the fifth round. Grogan weighed 130, as did Hillier.

Yet another combacker was in action when Jim Gillon, 154, met Bob Holt, 162, in the main event eight at Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale. Gillon had not boxed for fourteen months and he had a very hard battle to defeat the younger and heavier Holt, but win he did–by a very close points margin.

At South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, Shane Styles, 160, had too much on the ball for Ken Morris, 160, in the main event eight. Styles won on points. Morris kept him busy but Styles did not lose a round.

Final result of the month comes from Brookvale. In the headline eight, Paul Baker, 142, who sometimes boxes as "Baron" (as he did this time) outpointed Amos Roberts, 146. As usual in a Baker bout, there was plenty of action.

SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS

By ED CLARK

PORT ELIZABETH–In a rough, brawling, and bloody battle, local favorite Gerrie Bodenstein gained revenge as he outfought James Mathatho at the Showgrounds Hall to win on points over eight rounds in the light heavyweight division. Bodenstein attacked from the start, but he was hampered by Mathatho, who adopted a low, crouching style. Mathatho was frequently warned by the referee for holding, but managed to open a cut above Bodenstein's left eye in the second. Bodenstein had Mathatho down in the fourth and sixth rounds and Mathatho rallied in the seventh to swing the fight, but Bodenstein clinched the verdict in the last round.

Bowell Zono won the Cape lightweight title by outpointing Louis Neveling over ten rounds. Nel was dropped three times during the fight. Terence Makaluza gained a six-round points victory over veteran Joe Hali in a junior middleweight fight and Andre Nel was ruled out in the third because he hit his opponent, David Klass while Klaas was still on the canvas, junior welters. Anton Weitsz decisioned Mlungise Zondi, junior welters. Hank Devenier outscored Jackson Ngicki, four, light heavyweights.

CAPE TOWN–Three visiting boxers were losers at the Good Hope Centre when Tommy Ellis (U.S.A.), Arthur Clarke (Bahamas), and Ralph Barrios (Mexico), went down to Coenie Bekker, Bramley Whiteboy, and Sipho Mango, all on points over eight rounds.

Bekker, facing his first overseas opponent, had a difficult opponent in Ellis whose crab-like style made him difficult to hit. Ellis' spoiling tactics were those of one keen on survival, but not victory. Bekker landed the cleaner blows and his combinations were delivered with finesse that drew applause from the crowd. Ellis was effective with a left cross but his work rate was pathetic. Junior middleweights.

Whiteboy used his left jab to effect to score against Clarke, who was warned repeatedly for holding, but it was Clarke, in the early rounds, who used his own left jab to score points. Whiteboy used his right and, in the sixth, a right cross knocked Clarke's gumguard to the canvas. Junior welters.

Sipho Mange and Barrios served up a humdinger that really pleased the crowd. Never a dull moment as both fighters fought it out in the centre of the ring. Barrios absorbed punishment but came back with gusto. Barrios was hurt in the first when a short left caught him below the throat. He was hanging on at the bell, but came back. It was Mange's right hooks and left uppercuts that gained him the decision in their featherweight bout.

Chris Whiteboy decisioned Sam Williams, four, junior lightweights. Gordon Adams outscored Dumille Siko, four, junior welters. Emil Brice outpointed Andrew Peters, four, middleweights.

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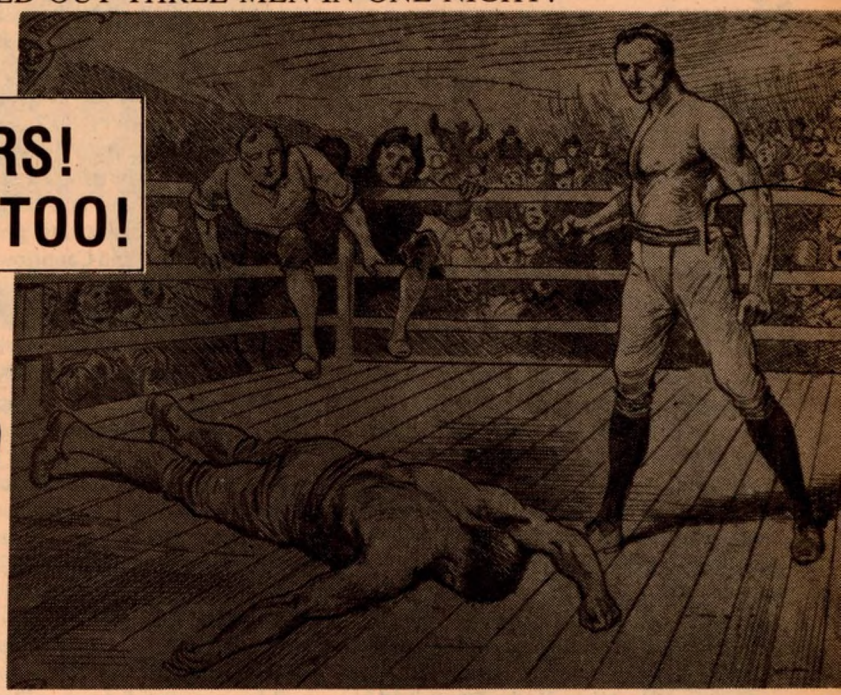

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By Harry Warren

BOB TAYLOR fought as an amateur boxer in the Golden Gloves in New York and New Jersey and in the military. He held a few titles. He never did become a pro, but did get to train and spar with FRENCHY LeDOUX, ROCKY ZITO, SONNY GOMEZ, and ROGER WHYNOTT, among others. Now BOB has celebrated his first year as publisher-editor of *The Amateur Boxer*, a newspaper-type publication devoted entirely to amateur boxing. His coverage is quite extensive and covers the world. Britain's RON OLVER, Canada's KEN HAMILTON and TONY UNITAS are among the regular contributors to the monthly. Amateur boxers, free-lance writers, club secretaries, et al., please contact BOB TAYLOR at *The Amateur Boxer*, P.O. Box 249, Cobalt, Connecticut, U.S.A. 60414. . . . RAY M. TODD who is on the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission, is a regular correspondent with this column. He keeps me supplied with the happenings of the veteran boxers in his state. A terrific, active personality. . . . FLOYD PATTERSON, the two-time former heavyweight champion of the world, has been reappointed to the New York State Athletic Commission by Governor HUGH CAREY to a term expiring January 1, 1982. The former champion has been serving very effectively since June, 1967, with the Commission. Definitely, the right man in the right job. . . . Former light heavyweight champion of the world ARCHIE MOORE now has a one-year contract to develop boxing programs and conduct boxing clinics across the province of Nova Scotia, Canada. In addition to improving the boxing calibre of the province, he will give talks to schools and colleges. ARCHIE formerly coached the Nigerian boxing squad in Africa. Based in Lagos, the former champion made a lot of friends and, as a very popular sports figure, he was a great ambassador for the U.S.A. . . .

LARRY GAINES, the former heavyweight champion of Canada and the British Empire, although now domiciled in London, England, is not forgotten by his countrymen. TONY UNITAS, the chairman of the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame, sent over to England, through emissary JIM PETTENGELL, a blazer badge and credentials as an inductee into the Hall of Fame. LARRY, who is active with the London Ex-Boxers' Association, was presented the badge at a ceremony by the Association at the LEBA club headquarters in the Sobell Sports Centre. . . .

GILBERT ALLNUTT, the boxing historian for the London Ex-Boxer Association, 25 Melrose Ave., Nobury, London, SW16, England, would like to hear from FRANK ALLNUTT, the Canadian boxing correspondent. . . . This column is glad to hear that former heavyweight PAT STRIBLING of Croydon, England, is back home after a serious illness. . . . This columnist appreciated the kindnesses and honors bestowed upon him at the International Shrine for Boxers and Wrestlers and Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Cauliflower Alley Club under the executive director MARSHALL WRIGHT and president MIKE MAZURKI. It was a great banquet and it was the dedication of the Shrine and Hall of Fame on the *Queen Mary*. Guests of honor included two former world champions, FRITZIE ZIVIC and FIDEL LaBARBA. The California gang certainly gave me a terrific welcome and, at the affair, I received, on behalf of my Editor and Publisher, NAT LOUBET, a special award given by the International Shrine and Cauliflower Alley Club. The award was presented to him in *The Ring* Magazine offices and now resides on the wall of *The Ring* Hall of Fame. . . .

From Detroit, Michigan, comes this fantastic story. LEO SALAKIN, a member of VBA, Ring 32, notified the city police of Detroit that intruders were attempting to break into his house and the police told him to *go to the front door and check it out*. This he did. He went to the door, and perpetrators broke in through the open door, battered him into an unconscious state and killed his wife. It was not until three days later that friends found him, still lying on the floor, in a coma. A legal suit ensued, the city was found to be negligent, and he was awarded one million dollars. The former boxer has donated all the money to amateur boxing groups in the city of Detroit. . . . The death of JACK LYDEN was reported. A lightweight from Liverpool, England, he boxed from 1934 thru to 1940. In 1937, he was a late substitute for JIMMY WALSH at Earl's Court Arena, gave a plucky performance against the number one contender for the world title, American AL ROTH, and had to retire with damaged hands. AL ROTH later beat the champion of Britain, HARRY MIZLER. Recently, I had a good chat with AL ROTH and he showed me the gold cigarette case that was presented to him after the contest, which was held in London. . . .

Heard from ALLIE WOLFF, the correspondence secretary of the VBA of South Florida, Ring 31. He tells me, "ED WEINER is an active member of the ring, and did a masterful job as Installations Officer last January." Well, ALLIE, it's great to learn that ED is still connected with boxing. He did a great job as Recording Secretary for VBA, Ring 8,

HARRY WARREN

in N.Y.C. before he retired and disappeared to Florida. Readers may be interested to learn that this is the author of the best selling *The Damon Runyan Story* and *The Walter Winchell Story*. Ring 31 seems to be collecting all of VBA, RING 8's members, because, as they retire and decide to leave New York, it's off to Sunny Florida and then Ring 31. Recent additions to Ring 31 from Ring 8 include former two-time president RUBY GOLDSTEIN, ARTIE de LUCA, who fought everybody and was a leading welter contender in the 1930s, LENNIE RAEMER, who was a member of the committee of Ring 8, GEORGIE RUGG, another active committeeman with Ring 8, and SYD PESKIN, who, although a member of Ring 8, also was the founder and president of Ring 34 at Long Beach, New Jersey. ALLIE WOLFF was also an active member of Ring 8 before deciding on the Sunshine State. The slate of Officers of Ring 31 is: President BERT BERGAN, First Vice President GEORGE ESRIC, Finance Secretary ERNIE DICKHAUT, Sergeant-at-Arms LOU COOPER. Contact by writing to ALLIE WOLFF, 1075 Miami Gardens Drive, No. Miami Beach, Fla. 33179. . . .

Did you know that JACK JOHNSON is buried in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago? The former heavyweight champion's grave, I am told, is unattended and I thought perhaps the veterans in the Windy City could verify this fact. . . . This column would be interested to hear from someone in Chicago. . . .

JOHNNY DeFOE, the very popular president ov VBA, Ring 8 of New York City, is also the assistant chairman of the boxing section of the AAU. He is celebrating over forty years as the chief coach of the PAL which is a driving force in the amateur boxing setup. Contact: 516 Ninth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10018. . . . Remember former middle and light heavyweight contender DOYLE BAIRD of Akron, Ohio? He is currently with the *Akron Beacon-Journal* in the circulation department.

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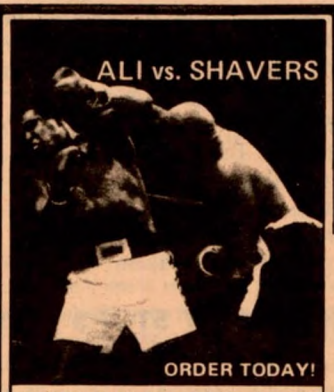

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CONTEH DEFEATS BROWN

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Most of the boxing writers criticized Conteh's performance as not being sharp enough, which is perfectly true. But John is right when he says nothing else matters now but that he is fully prepared to meet Franklin.

All I would add is that he must forget the "all in the mind" business of not throwing his right hand. In his final training, he must trow it, and throw it, and throw it. He cannot hope to win back the title on his left hand alone.

FORD BEATS SOLIS

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Smith, 136, outpointed Keith Adams, 135, in a bruising contest and Maxie Sargeant, 143½, lost to Keith Williams, 144, in a most entertaining fight.

Before the start of the main bout, several former boxing champions were introduced in the ring, as well as Guyanese International 200 metres sprinter James Wren Gilkes, who was home on a holiday.

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45TH ANNUAL BWA DINNER A SUCCESS

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gave the young man a thundering ovation.

Jack Dempsey, the hero in his own right, was given a great ovation, as he was introduced along with his wife, Deanna. So was another ex-heavyweight king, lovable Joe Frazier–whose son Marvin honored for his amateur histrionica, also got quite a round of applause. There were many veterans of the boxing game present, including twice ex-heavyweight king, Floyd Patterson and his former manager, Cus D'Amato, who was with Jimmy Jacobs, motion picture man and manager of Champion Wilfred Benitez, Luis Rios, Norman Rothschild, former boxing promoter from Syracuse, Emile Griffith, welter and middleweight king of yesteryear, and others.

What more can one add. We salute the committee of Bill Gallo, among them Murray Goodman, Marvin Kohn, of the State Athletic Commission, Barney Nagler and the rest for a job well done.

In the vernacular of the sport, it was a "knockout." And we should know, for we were present at all of them.

RANZANY STOPS GRAY

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now 45-3-1, and 28 of his wins have been by knockout.

Gray's manager, Irv Ungerman, claimed, but not too strenuously, that the cut was the result of a butt. "They were knocking heads in there," Ungerman said. "I think they should have given me another chance to try and close the cut."

The fight was a good one, and Ranzany's performance may bring back the SRO crowds that came to see him in the past. The main event also made up for the undercard, which suffered from two last minute substitutions.

In the first preliminary bout, a six-rounder, Roberto Mercado, 128, Mexicali, defeated Eddie Pagan, 133, Santa Rosa, when referee Hank Elespuru disqualified Pagan after he had spit his mouthpiece out for the fifth time in five rounds.

In a ten-round prelim, Jose Villegas, 121, Mexicali, scored a unanimous decision over Desi Newbill, 122, Los Angeles, in a very dull fight.

Finally, Sal Lopez, 143, Sacramento, won his fifth fight without a loss, knocking out Julio Alfonso, 146, Los Angeles, in the first of a scheduled six-rounder. Lopez has talent and power.

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LOPEZ KAYOES AYALA IN 15

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of screaming hometown fans behind him. In the eleventh frame, Ayala went down a second time, but referee Carlos Padilla had trouble finding the timekeeper and evidently picked up the wrong count. He waved the fight over and then had to get it started again. In the confusion, a full two minutes were wasted and Ayala was given a long rest. This reporter viewed the fight on the TV screen and the whole incident appeared to be one of natural human error.

With the eleventh round knockdown, Lopez gained a slim lead on points over Ayala. Later he would say, "He's the toughest challenger I've faced. He fought a great fight." Lopez's record is now 41-3, with 38 knockouts.

In the last three rounds, it was apparent that Ayala had become tired from the heavy pressure Lopez had kept on him. He continued to fight, but something was missing. Lopez fought the same fight, never changing tactics. At 5'8", Lopez had a four-inch height advantage. It served him well when the action was in ring center.

"He's a great champion," Ayala said, after the fight. "I'm still young. I'll be back. I feel proud that I gave a great champion such a hard fight."

In a televised ten-rounder, Howard Davis scored a kayo over Jose Hernandez in the seventh round. Davis, 135, the Olympic Gold Metal winner, dropped Hernandez twice in the seventh.

Hermandez, 136, the lightweight champion of Mexico, held his own through the first five rounds, but appeared to give up in the seventh. Davis, now 11-0, was supposedly facing his toughest foe since turning pro. On the screen, it appeared that Hernandez waited for the referee to say ten before getting on his feet.

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MOSLEY AND CASTILLO RETAIN U.S. TITLES

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Haley looked mean, but he wasn't able to do anything until the fifth round, when he butted Concepcion over the left eye. Referee Ferd Hernandez stopped the contest and asked the doctor to check the eye. The MD halted the bout and, since the scoring was Harold Buck, 39-37, Haley; and Dalby Shirley and Dwayne Ford, 38-38, the official decision was a technical draw.

The bouts were promoted by Las Vegas Sports Promotions, Tony Trudnich, and the Del Webb Corp., and held in front of a near sellout crowd.

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ciated with the people at Toledo, Clutch & Brake. Don't know of a president of our country who ever boxed as an amateur or pro. We do know that Teddy Roosevelt, who was a Police Commissioner of New York before he went on to become president, may have donned the gloves, as he was a frequent visitor later at local boxing clubs. Hood does tell us about a fellow worker who has been a referee since 1935, Tonu Rusky, now sixty-five years old, who operated in Toledo and Northern Western Ohio. He worked ten of Ali's fights in the amateurs and also for George Foreman in 1968 Olympic trials.

Before we put our edition to bed, let us tell you how sad we all were to hear of the passing of that great Columbia Coach, Lou Little, who turned in such a fine job and thrilled at the performances of his men. Lou, who was eighty-five, was coach when Sid Luckman did his great work after leaving Erasmus Hall, the quarterback then going to the Chicago Bears. Lou's most notable achievements were when the Lions broke the Army's 32-game winning streak in 1947 and his 7-0 Rose Bowl victory over a great Western University. Little was a miracle man.

Just received a card from Marvin Goldberg, well known in fistic circles as a manager of boxers, who has his own radio show and is affiliated with the B'Nai B'Rith Sports Lodge as an officer, which is self explanatory. "Attended my son Robert's graduation from Southern California College of Optometry. Last night he sang the National Anthem for the Cal Angels baseball team, as he used to do in the Garden and Felt Forum." Congratulations, Robert–and Papa Marvin.

Just before going to press, we heard from our good friend, Harold Walsh, enclosing a clipping from Canton, Ohio, telling of ex-lightweight king's Sammy Angott battle recovering from a heart attack. He won the title from Lew Jenkins in 1941 and had 124 pro fights. He is still seriously ill. He also told us of the passing of Chick Maglione, eighty-one, former Ohio star, ex-bantam and featherweight from 1914 to 1925, who made a brief comeback in 1931. He scored a twenty-round win over Ever Hammer in Barberton, Ohio.

The newspaper world was saddened at the passing of Jesse Abramson, former sports writer for *The New York Herald Tribune*, at age seventy-five, a victim of cancer. Jesse was a great man for track and field and covered boxing and other sports as well. He was known as "The Book." He won many awards, including the James J. Walker Award for services to boxing and the Grantland Rice award of the Sportsmanship Brotherhood. Jesse was a past president of the New York Football Association and vice president of the Boxing Writers' Association.

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CONTROVERSIAL DECISION OVER CARLOS ZARATE MAKES LUPE PINTOR NEW WBC BANTAM CHAMP

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in shock as the decision was announced.

Zarate and his handlers announced that they would protest the decision to the World Boxing Council. "And", Zarate added, "if they do not make this right, I might just quit boxing! I know I won this fight. And what happened today hurts not only me–but all of boxing.

Zarate was vague about his reasons for changing his ring tactics. His trainer, Phil Silver, of Los Angeles, accepted some of the blame for turning Zarate's style from puncher to boxer. Said Silver: "He could have knocked him out, but we told him to box instead".

Zarate stated: "I wanted to prove to people that I was stronger, and that I had the technique to go the distance. I will never believe that I lost this fight!"

Zarate and Pintor, who were fast friends before the bout, were bitter enemies afterwards. Said Zarate: "I never want to speak to Pintor–or speak about him again".

Meanwhile, the new champion, Lupe Pintor, demeaned his opponent by saying: " "Zarate was a great fighter at one time. But he has lost all his punching power. He proved it today when he couldn't put me away. He's getting too old; and he should retire". (Zarate is twenty-seven).

Pintor added: "I knew the fight was close, and I wasn't really sure I'd won until the decision was announced".

The win brings Pintor's record to 38-4, with thirty-two knockouts. This was only the second loss for Zarate, whose record is now 54-2, with an awesome 53 knockouts. Zarate's first loss came last year, when he stepped up in weight class and was stopped by junior featherweight champion Wilfredo Gomez.

Despite the controversy and protests about the decision, both judges who voted for Pintor were adamant in their judgments.

Said Harold Buck: "Zarate just kept backing up all the time. He didn't fight like a champion!"

Judge Art Lurie offered a more colorful explanation, saying: "Pintor was the aggressor during the whole fight. Zarate kept running away from him. He managed one strong punch in the fourth round–but, aside from that, I didn't see any of those powerful punches that made him famous. There's no way I could have given the decision to Zarate. In fact, if Pintor hadn't been so aggressive, there wouldn't even have been a fight. It would have been a waltz that could have been set to Lawrence Welk music!"

The dissenting judge, Bob Martin, could not be reached for comment.

As strange and surprising as the title bout was the semi-main event between flyweights Adelaido Galindo of Mexico and Mike Stuart of Los Angeles.

Galindo suffered an obvious, unintentional, butt early in the first round. His face was bathed in blood, and the obvious decision was to stop the fight and rule it a technical draw. However, the referee, Joey Curtis, allowed the fight to continue. And Galindo suffered two more unintentional butts, one in the fourth round and one in the sixth, when the fight was finally stopped.

The Nevada Commission then announced it would refer to the score cards through the sixth round. The decision went to the blood-soaked Galindo, who, despite his injuries, had managed to floor Stuart in the fourth round and come out ahead on points.

A preliminary bout of junior middleweights saw Ricky Weigel, 159, of Los Angeles, destroy his opponent, "Irish" Paddy Wilson, 148, of Portland, Oregon. Wilson was kayoed twenty-six seconds into the third round.

Five knockdowns in ten rounds featured the light heavyweight prelim between Alvaro Lopez of Los Angeles and Bernardo Barron of Mexico City.

Barron had constant trouble staying on his feet, as Lopez sent him to the canvas once in the third round, twice in the sixth round, and again in the seventh. Then came the final knockout at 1:31 of the tenth round.

Barron was half-way down for a third time in the sixth round as he fell through the ropes and nearly into the laps of the press at ringside.

A walkout bout ended in a quick KO as Leonardo Moreno, 127, of Los Angeles, demolished his opponent, Saul Fernandez, also 127, of L.A. The knockout came at 2:43 of the second round.

The Zarate-Pintor title card saw the debut of a new promoter in big-time boxing events, Mr. Rogelio Robles of Los Angeles. Robles, in conjunction with Caesars Palace, presented the four-bout card to an SRO audience of 5,400. The bout was televised by ABC throughout the United States, and also to Mexico, Argentina, and Venezuela.

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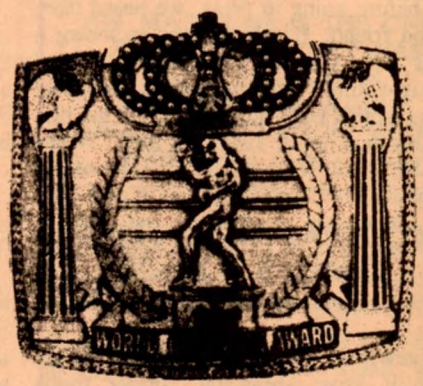

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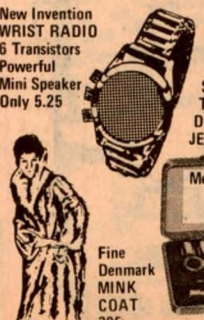

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NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.–Danny McAloon should call it quits. After a six-month lay-off, Danny, 150, was brought in as an opponent for hot Johnny Turner, 149¾, and one left hook from Turner opened up a cut on his right eye that forced referee John LoBianco to halt matters at 2:59 of the second round. By that time, Turner's right had made the bleeding go from bad to worse.

It was just a case of too much scar tissue and too many fights. (The Turner bout was Danny's forty-first pro outing.) As for Turner, who scored his twenty-fourth knockout in thirty-six pro outings, he's now set for a non-title go with world welterweight champion Wilfred Benitez.

There was a total of six fights on the card, and none went the distance. Jose Nieto, 127, New York, outclassed Leo Lopez, 126½, Dominican Republic, dropped him with a left in the fourth round, and followed up with a barrage of punches to score a TKO at 2:39 of the session. It was scheduled for eight. Nieto remains undefeated; he's now 10-0 with nine kayoes.

In anothereight-rounder, Carmelo Negron, 125½, Brooklyn, stopped Marcial Santiago, 125¼, Brooklyn, at 1:33 of the sixth round. Santiago held like crazy.

Juan Laporte, 128, New York, knocked out Jose Figueroa, 125, Brooklyn, in 0:48 of the fifth round. A right hand put Figueroa on the canvas, and, when he arose, a flurry put him down for the full count.

Tom Healy, 180, Queens, New York, came out like there was no tomorrow in the first round of his scheduled eight with Sal San Fillippo, 177, Jersey City, N.J. He almost got Fillippo where he wanted him, but a hard left to the stomach felled him for the ten-count in 1:49 of the frame.

In the lone four-rounder, Charlie Singleton, 178, Philadelphia, outscored Hamad Amin Shabazz, 178, New York, for three rounds, and then stopped him at 1:44 of the fourth.

There were 1,572 paying customers, and the gross receipts were $14,451.

JERSEY JABS

By ART MAXIM

TOTOWA–Ice World– Although promoter Dan Duva saw his boxing card fall apart with substitution after substitution, the fans who gathered for his slugfest were treated to a pre-fourth fireworks display as forty-year-old Bob Stallings starched Mike Tarasewich at 1:22 of the first round.

Stallings, weighing in at 220, put a thirty pounds lighter Tarasewich on the canvas twice in the first eighty seconds. The first knockdown came with only forty seconds gone in the first round of their scheduled ten-rounder. Tarasewich struggled to his feet but thirty five seconds later was again on the canvas. Stallings, who holds a decision over Ernie Shavers, put the **coupe-de-grace** to the Russian Plumber with a barrage of punches that Tarasewich was unable to fend off.

New Jersey middleweight champion Rusty Rosenberger wasn't happy with his performance but took a unanimous eight-roung decision over a mauling Tommy Sacco of Pittsburgh. While Sacco showboated, Rusty rocked him with punches to the face but the Pittsburgh fighter was never in danger of going down.

Ray "Razor" Rosenberger, brother of Rusty, stopped Ralph Dumont at 1:22 of the second in a scheduled six-round welterweight bout.

In other bouts Fernando Martinez, 123, of Paterson scored a knockout at 1:11 of the first round over Larry Atkins, 118, of Newark, and Ali Allen, 216, of Fair Lawn, registered a four-round decision over Bobby Evans, 218, of Newark.

FISTICUFFS IN PHILLY

By NIGEL COLLINS

PHILADELPHIA–Experience triumphed over youth as veteran middleweight Willie "The Worm" Monroe scored a unanimous ten-round decision over Keith "The Sweeper" Broom at the Convention Hall.

The show was the first venture for neophyte promoter Michell Berger and also a benefit for the NAACP. Unfortunately, a slim crowd of less than one thousand turned up and the card was a financial failure.

Monroe, making his first start at home in two years, carried the fight to Broom the entire way but showed the signs of rust resulting from several lenthy lay-offs the past few years. "The Worm" scored well with his stiff jab but often missed with follow-up combinations.

Broom, a pound lighter at 161, spent most of the time in retreat. He caught Monroe with clean counters every now and then but was generally out hustled by the thirty-year-old Philadelphian.

Neither fighter was ever in danger of going down and overall the contest lacked excitment. Monroe's ring savy and harder punching seemed to have the Maryland boxer in awe much of the time, resulting in a unanimous nod of 48-43, 48-44 and 46-44 for Willie.

In the eight-round semi-final, local middleweight Al Styles, Jr., edged Maryland's O'Dell Leonard in a sloppy bout. The short and powerful Leonard got off to a good start by bulling Styles around the ring, landing wide swings to the head and body. The lanky Philadelphian found his groove in the fifth and scored with hard rights to Leonard's face. These blows started a swelling around O'Dell's left eye that grew worse as the match progressed.

Down the stretch, Styles' better boxing kept him in control and caught the judges' eye. It was a fair decision but a close one.

Tocoma's Rocky Lockridge, 125, stayed unbeaten with an easy first round knockout over inept local Ronnie Green, 125. Lockridge, a three-time National AAU champ, opened up with a volley of hard shots to the head and Green dropped for the full count in just 59 seconds.

Washington D.C.'s Derrik Homles, 125, was also fed a soft touch in Bruce Haines, 126½, of Philadelphia. Holmes ended the pointless match at 2:18 of the opening frame with a clean right to the chops.

WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad was on hand and received two giant trophies during mid-ring ceremonies.

North Philly's Ernie Vann also earned a trophy as the best prelim fighter on the card by scoring a first-round TKO over Trenton's Jorge Diaz. Vann, 138½, battered Diaz, 139, with both hands until referee Charles Sgrillo wisely called at halt at 2:24. Vann, who was returning to the ring after a two year absence, ran his pro record to 10-3 and will be seen again in the near future.

UPPER DARBY–Promoter Ed Crawford ran a small show featuring young talent at the 69th Street Forum.

In the feature bout, South Philadelphia Kevin Howard scored a six-round decision over transplanted Panamanian Mario Williams in a spirted contest.

Howard, 150, used his younger reflexes to beat Williams, 148, to the punch for much of the bout. Mario tried hard and managed a couple of solid rights to make things interesting. Promoter Crawford said he would try to make a rematch.

Upper Darby's Ken Carpenter, 125, landed a beautiful left-hook to score a first-round TKO over New Jersey's game Heriberto Torres, 124. This pair of lively scrappers were engaged in a fierce exchange when Carpenter exploded the potent hook flush on Torres jaw. Heriberto just managed to beat the count but was too unsteady to continue.

Talented prospect "Cho Cho" Charlie Brown, 140, North Phila., needed only 1:09 to ice Cortez Jackson. The undefeated Brown is managed by former fighter Fred "Hurk" Jenkins and will be a name to watch in the coming months.

The best fight of the night saw local Marvin Walker, 155, outslug Leo Martinez, 161, in a real brawl. Martinez attacked the body with vicious hooks only to be outpunched by the head-hunting Walker. It was a punch-filled affair worthy of a returngo.

Chester, Pa.'s Pedro Lebron, 128, scored an easy kayo over Tony Edwards, 126, in 3:02 of the first round. A right hook turned the trick.

The matches were put together by Marty Feldman and Rus Peltz.

N.Y.–PA.

By JIM LEO

SYRACUSE, N.Y.–War Memorial Auditorium–Rocky Fratto, 151¾, the boxing pride of Geneva, N.Y., scored his sixteenth professional victory, with a unanimous decision over Sammy Masias, 149½. Fratto, making his third start in 1979, looked very sharp as he had his lightening combinations working throughout. Masias absorbed the punishment well, but, in round nine, was dropped by a Fratto right, which was on the button. Masias managed to last out. Both gladiators traveled the ten rounds at a fast clip, and though it was a Fratto dominated battle, it was appreciated by the fans. The cards of the officials saw it 8-1-1, 9-1, and 10-0 for the twenty-year-old Fratto, who is beginning to get recognition in the world of boxing. Rocky, was making his third start of the year.

In an exciting six-round punch-out which was a throw back to the Willie Pep, Sandy Saddler battles, **Tony Salvatore,** 126¾, Montreal, Canada, received a "hard" earned decision over tough **Herman Ingram,** 121, Neward, N.J. . . . . The boys threw leather from bell to bell, with Salvatore, scoring a knockdown in the final round, meriting the win.

In an eight-rounder which went after the main go, **Frankie Minigan,** 144, Rochester, N.Y., registered a decision win over flashy **Bobby Hughes,** 147, Toronto, Canada. Hughes surprised Minigan with a knockdown in the second, but was himself floored in the eighth.

In the opening six-rounder, **Ollie Duran,** 158, New York City and **Danny Pate,** 152½, Philadelphia, Pa., fought to a draw verdict. Duran was the aggressor while Pate, boxing, sometimes found it difficult to keep his opponent away . . . . .

The card of boxing promoted by the Canastota Boxing Club, drew 1100, who paid in $8,000, on a Regatta weekend.

COHOES, N.Y.–Community Center–In the feature eight-rounder, Danny Ferris, Latham, upped his record to 7-0 with a unanimous decision win over Sal "the Snake" Ramos, San Juan, Puerto Rico, marking the first time Ferris had to go the distance. He had registered k.o.'s in his six earlier outings. The cards read 7-1, 7-1, and 7-0-1. The boys were 135 pounders.

Clyde Beattie, the Dave Zyglawicz prospect, had to don his trunks and sneakers in filling in as a last minute substitute. Bwattie was successful, as he decisioned **Charlie Brown** of Newark, N.J., over four rounds in another 135 pound bout.

Ronald Bryant of Philadelphia suffered a knockout at the hands of **Danny Daniels** of Newark, N.J., in another 135-lb. battle. Daniels, kayoed Bryant in 2:50 into the second round of a scheduled six-rounder.

Eddie "Twist" Welcome, Albany, N.Y., won a decision over **Herm Ingram,** Newark, N.J., in a six-rounder between 125 pounders **Sanford Rick,** of Newark, NJ., scored a second round TKO over **Keith Stokes,** of New York City, in a scheduled six-rounder. This match-up pitted 142 pounders.

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ORIENT ACTION

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

MIHARA WINS OPBF CROWN

Tokyo, Japan–Elongated footworker Tadashi Mihara became the OPBF (Oriental & Pacific Boxing Federation) junior middleweight champion, as he made it five straight, all by kayo, demolishing Korean champ Yim Jae-Keun at 2:39 of the fifth session in their twelve-round title bout at Korakuen Hall, packed with some 1,700 spectators. The limit of the class is 154-pounds, but Yim was unable to make the weight and forfeited his title prior to the encounter. Shigeru Kojima of the Japan Boxing Commission announced Mihara, weighing in at 153½ pounds, under the limit to 159 for Yim, would win the OPBF crown in the event of his beating the already dethroned champ.

It was a short but total war. The more experienced Yim, despite his beer-barreled appearance that night, had compiled a previous record of 23-4-1 with twenty-one knockouts, including a fifteen-round split decision loss to Eddie Gazo for the WBA championship in December, 1977. Mihara, Japan's former amateur titlist, had been fighting less than a year. He turned professional last June.

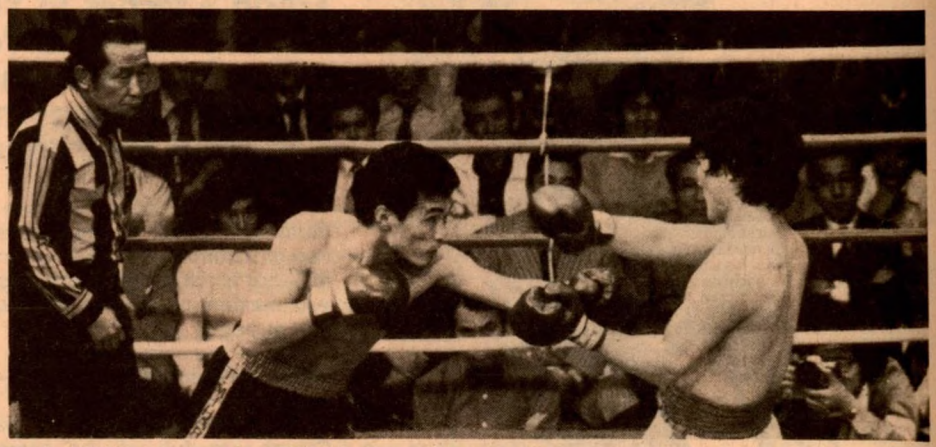
They probed each other with left jabs in the opening session. However, Yim began to bleed from the nose due to the youngster's faster lefts. Mihara, five years his junior at 23, was in command in round two, connecting with sharp one-twos at Yim's face.

Yim, in the third round, displayed his vaunted power, decking Mihara with a short right for the mandatory eight count. The damage was not great, but Mihara commenced utilizing his footwork and barely averted Yim's roundhouse follow-up. Standing 5'9," taller by inches than his still bleeding rival, Mihara dominated the fourth canto by scoring with straight punches to the face.

No sooner had the fifth round begun when the lanky speedster swarmed over his fading rival and downed him for the compulsory eight count. Yim looked wobbly enough. Down he went again, this time to the ropes.

Mihara went all out for a kayo, threw a barrage of lefts and rights, and dropped Yim on his knees. Kim Chin-Kuk, an imported referee from Korea, declared an automatic stoppage on Yim's third visit to the canvas.

It carried Miharas pro record to 5-0 with five knockouts. Mihara, born on March 3 in 1955, was a rather mediocre amateur boxer and Nihon Univ. student who was scouted by Club honor and ex-Orient fl, weight champ Hitoshi Misako last year.



Tadashi Mihara scores on OPBF junior middleweight champion Yim Jae-Keun with a stinging left. Mihara kayoed Yim in the fifth round to win the title in his fifth pro bout.

In his first pro year, 1977, Mihara engaged in three bouts. On June 22, he made a good debut by finishing Eiji Tanaka, a trial horse, in three rounds. His next opponent was Minoru Ono, a JBC ranker, whom Mihara outlegged and outpunched in a seventh round stoppage.

His manager, Misako, selected Tsutomu Hagusa, a short, rough swinger and ex-Orient champ, as his next opponent on November 23. Mihara floored his slower foe time and again and scored a sixth round kayo.

On February 22 of this year, former Filipino national boss Fil Robinson was invited to meet the up-and-coming prospect at Korakuen Hall. In only eighty-seven seconds of the first session, Mihara's straight right ecploded on Fil's jaw and the veteran went down for the count.

Despite his splendid kayo streak, Mihara has room to improve from the viewpoint of power and infighting. If Mihara aims at the world throne in the 154-pound division, as his influential manager, Misako, wants, he will have to cope with the likes of Maurice Hope, Ayub Kalule, and WBA leader and compatriot Masashi Kudo in the stand-and-fight game.

In Japan, Kenji Yonekura, after the Olympic Games, gained the national flyweight title in only his fifth pro bout. Now, in the same number of professional outings, Mihara has captured the more important OPBF laurels.

In a semi-final ten, Japan's top and second lightweight contenders exchanged the hardest punches they had, and fully entertained the impressed crowd. It was really a good bout.

Battle Hawk (Kiyoshi) Kazama, 134¼, managed to win a majority decision over Katsuhiro Okubo, 135½, the hope of the Misako Club, in a give-and-take contest. The hard-hitting Okubo, 5-1 with five knockouts, attacked Kazama, five years his senior, with strong lefts in the opening session and the veteran's right eye began to puff up a few minutes after the start. But Kazama, who had more experience and ring craft through his 11-5-4 record (including a TKO by Antonio Cervantes, close decisions to Korean world rankers Oh Yong-Ho and Kim Tae-Ho and hairline draws with Lion Furuyama), regained his own pace soon. Kazama came close to Okubo and tossed plenty of effective short punches to the face and body at short range. He took the third, fifth, and sixth rounds by slight margins. Though Okubo, in the seventh, cornered the veteran with a flurry of punches and won the round, his attack was not sufficient to overcome the deficit in the early proceedings.

Referee Yoshida viewed the see-saw affair 47-47, but judges Sasaki and Shimakawa gave their ballots 49-48 and 49-47 in Kazama's favor. (As Japan's lightweight boss Masahiro Yokai, the tenth WBC ranker, has relinquished his title, the JBC has ordered Kazama and Mitsuo Ohashi to fight for the vacant national throne in Nara. The new champ will be obliged to meet Okubo in his first defense.)

In a preliminary six, banty Hideaki Sawada, 118, showed rapid progress in copping a unanimous decision over Shigeru Okusa, 117½.

There were five four-round bouts on the card, promoted by Misako Promotions. It was telecast by Fuji Television in Tokyo district.

JAPAN

KUMAMOTO CITY–Having been halted by WBA featherweight boss Eusebio Pedroza at the end of the thirteenth sided

round in Tokyo this January, OPBF feather champ Royal (Kazuo) Kobayashi engaged in his second title defense with ex-titlist Hwan Bok-Soo in twelve rounds before an estimated six thousand fans at Kumamoto City Gymnasium.

Kobayashi eked out a split decision and successfully retained his leading position. Each tipped the beam at 125¾ pounds.

Hwan, whom the Japanese puncher dethroned via the kayo route one year ago, was so cautious that he covered himself up and failed to toss any solid blows for five rounds. In round six, Kobayashi turned loose with strong rights, shaking him up repeatedly. Royal's often castigated flaw of swinging too roughly allowed Bok-Soo a narrow escape. After that, the contest became a dull affair because of Hwan's continual retreating and Kobayashi's lack of effective follow-up.

When the sturdy champ's speed and power seemed to fade a little, in the ninth session, Hwan suddenly attacked him with a continual use of his specialty, the double left hook. It was taken by Hwan. In the last three rounds, they exchanged slow but desperate blows with neither winning any decisive points.

The official scoresheets were as follows: referee Kuwada 57-55 and judge Makikado 59-58 (each for Kobayashi), but Korean judge Kim 58-56 (for Hwan). Close as it was, the champ's superior aggressiveness made him look like a points winner.

In a semi-windup eight, Johnny Fujimoto, 127 pounds, survived bad knockdowns in the first and third rounds, and was awarded a technical kayo over Hiroshi Kosuge at the end of the sixth round.

Kosuge, 125¾, was unable to see well due to his closed eyes after Fujimoto's desperate revenge attack.

It was JRJ KokusaiClub's card.

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL–Young punchers resistlessly mixed it up, and the enthusiastic crowd of 1,200 witnesses a clearcut knockout. It was one of the most hard-fought combats this month.

Shorter but sturdy swinger Shoichi Kumada, 141, never retreated, and his very wicked right flattened Toshio Mori, 140½, at 2:54 of the fourth round. Kumada, the JBC's ninth junior welterweight, was known for his lantern jaw, but he endured Mori's brutal attack very well, and won the praise of all the spectators. Mori, instead of exchanging, should have utilized his advantageous reach more cleverly.

There were five other four-rounders, presented by Yonekura Promotion.

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL–On the comeback trail after a previous tenth round kayo by wbc seventh banty Shuichi Isogami last January, Yu Kasahara, 121¾, fought Kazumi Sato, 120¾, with his national junior featherweight title at stake. Kasahara won a shutout decision to defend his crown for the fourth time since wresting it from Waruinge Nakayama via a kayo years ago. Both referee Tezaki and judge Nakamori scored it 50-44 for Kasahara, and judge Yoshida's score was 50-46.

Despite the lopsided decision, Kasahara, 14-3 with ten wins within the distance, could not display his vaunted right uppercut.

The challenger, Sato, from Osaka, was nothing but a single left hooker who tried to bore in awkwardly with his peekaboo style. But Kasahara, whose left jabs were not so effective this night, failed to outpundh his very short opponent, although he was piling up points steadily. With good sidestepping, the champ would have defeated the overmatched Sato, only 10-10-7 with four kayoes, more easily.

In a companion ten, fast rising Katsuji Sano, 126½, downed taller Kosei Kawaguchi, also 126½, twice in the tenth round, and pounded out a very lopsided decision (50-44, 50-45, and 49-44).

Some 1,800 customers were in attendance at the Hall.

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL–Unbeaten upright stylist Caesar (Hiroyuki) Sasaki, 159¾, engaged in a six-round main event in his first appearance since he won the All Japan Shijin-o (Novice King) Tournament final in the middleweight class at the Hall on March 3.

Sasaki floored Tsumoru Okamoto, 160¼ pounds, with a sharp straight right for the compulsory eight count in the second round. Sasaki was an aggressor all the way, but Okamoto's durability made him refuse to go down again. The decision was unanimous.

In the first sixer, hard-punching Fumiki Hanada, 146¾, surprised the crowd by stopping Kenji Fukuda, 146 pounds, in only seventy nine seconds of the opening session.

The card, promoted by the JRJ Kokusai Club, drew no more than one thousand witnesses.

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL–Lefty switch-hitter Takashi Uezu, 120¾, moved puzzlingly against ex-national bantam boss Jo Araki, 121 pounds, winning a unanimous decision in ten frames.

The 25-year-old Uezu, 9-1 with four kayos, continually tossed long punches, which prevented Araki from swinging his vaunted rights except in the ninth round. Araki, 28 and 27-9-2 (nine kayoes), was a prohibitive favorite, but his lack of speed in hands and feet gave him no chance to catch the powder-puff youngster. Referee Ugo saw the dull game 49-43, while judges Kanaya and Field had it 50-45 and 50-44, respectively, all in the left-thander's favor.

Another upset result was witnessed in a semi-final ten. The JBC's fifth-ranked junior flyweight, Keisuke Yuguchi, 107¾, was leading with his faster combos and better defensive skills, but a vicious right by Phenix Taniguchi, 108, collapsed him flat for the count in 2:44 of the seventh round. In round six, the third man ordered a point deducted from Taniguchi's score due to his repeated heading. Taniguchi, 9-6-3 with three kayoes and two years his senior at twenty-eight, was lucky enough to send his glass jawed rival into dreamland. Yuguchi's usual lack of stamina in the later jmunds was another factor in his bad loss.

Eight other four-rounders were seen in the card presented by Kadoebi Club, which drew some two thousand fans at the Hall.

OSAKA PREFECTURAL GYMNASIUM–On the the Osaka Teiken Club's card, the JBC's fourth-ranked featherweight, Ko Tomonari, 129½, displayed good form, battered Blazer (Junichi) Okubo, 129¾, aggressively and stopped him in 2:41 of the sixth session of their scheduled ten-rounder.

The kayo came in round six, when Tomonari released a smashing one-two combo to the chin of Okubo, dropping him to the deck.

Ref Inukai called a halt, and then the loser fell to the canvas because of his exhaustion. It was Okubo's seventh defeat in thirty outings. In a supporting ten, the Novice King winner of the previous year, Yoshinori Natsuyama, 125, survived a knockdown and came back strongly to win a unanimous verdict over Abebe Yoshida, also 125.

The official scoresheets were tabbed as follows: referee Kashiwagi 48-45, judge Fujita 48-46 and Kurume 48-43, all for Natsuyama. The winner, who had registered twenty-four kayos in twenty-five wins during his amateur career, upped his pro record to 6-2 with four knockouts.

Sensational rookie and this year's Best Shinjin-o Award winner Tokuo Maruuchi, JBC eighth junior lightweight at 134¾, continued his winning streak by demolishing Yoshitaka Hinenoya, 134¾, in the third round. After Tokuo dropped the loser with a good right, he followed up mercilessly. A towel was tossed in to save the groggy Hinenoya.

Maruuchi's future seems very bright. He is now 6-0, all via the KO route.

In another eight, Eijiro Kuruma, 121¾, seldom had Kazutaka Kamano, 121¾, hit him, and scored well with swift combinations to win a close but unanimous decision.

Junior lightweight Antonio Taiho, 131, was stopped by Katsuhiro Baba, 130, in the fifth round.

Some 1,700 fans were gathered there.

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL–Originally scheduled to meet Korea's OPBF junior flyweight champ, Chung Sang-Il, JBC top contender Tsugumasa Toma, 116¼, was obliged to fight a substitute, Torayuki Nanasha, 108-pounder at the limit, because Chung could not acquire the necessary visa in time and leave for Tokyo.

Toma, a short busy scrapper with eight wins against one defeat and three draws, tossed more blows than the scrappy Nanasha could respond to.

The victor will go to Korea to meet Chung for the title, but it seems a bit difficult for the less experienced Toma to bring back the OPBF throne, although Chung has a problem in making the 108-pound limit.

In a supporting six, flyweight Yoshinobu Sasaki, 112, scored a kayo over Masao Sugawara, also at the limit, in the thirdround.

SHIMIZU CITY–National junior welter boss Noboru Hatakeyama, 140, was a crafty combination puncher who dethroned Lion Furuyama by a unanimous decision in October, 1977.

He registered his third defense as he battered Tsutomu Matsuo, half a pound lighter, all the way and dropped him four times, demolishing him at 2:22 of the ninth round.

Matsuo, a local favorite, looked no match for the sharper champ, who easily had him on the deck thrice in the first four rounds.

Matsuo fought back hard, but Hatakeyama's wicked right uppercut to the midsection sent him into dreamland.

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL–Lefty hope Yukio Segawa, the WBC sixth-ranked super bantamweight at 123½, made very short work of Filipino Ely Barrios, a newcomer at the same weight, at 1:44 of the second round of a scheduled ten. Before 1,300 spectators, Segawa overwhelmed his shorter rival with a flurry of punches to the face. After his short right almost toppled Barrios, the Japanese southpaw nailed him against the ropes and tossed good combos and a right hook to the jaw which downed him flat on the canvas for the fatal kount. If Segawa masters how to lead with his right hand more sharply, he will be worth meeting the world top notchers.

It was Segawa's seventh kayo in eight wins against only one loss, while Ely's suffered his tenth setback against twenty-three wins.

The crowd of 1,300 fans enjoyed a hard fought tenner, as national bantam leader Kosei Ana, 119, copped a close but unanimous decision over Isao Okahashi, 118¼, in a non-title contest.

Anan was in good shape, chasing the hard-hitter with eleven kayos in thirteen wins with sticky body punches. Anan took the second, third, and fourth rounds by a clearcut margin. Though people thought Anan's kayo would happen soon, Okahashi came back with his specialty, fast one-two combinations. Especially in the sixth round, they sent the crowd in a frenzy, each throwing their best shots for the full three minutes. Okahashi threw a little more blows in round seven to win it by a very slight margin.

In the last three sessions, they traded straight punches on even terms. In spite of Okahashi's gameness, he could not overcome the points deficit.

Ref Sasaki tabbed the hot affair 49-46, while judges Tezaki and Morita agreed with each other in 48-47, in Anan's favor.

If Anan, as well as Okahashi, knows the effect of the short punch, each will be a more dangerous campaigner. Okahashi, a JBC feather rank,er should not have fought his ex-stablemate, Anan, under the 119-pound contract.

The triumph carried Anan to a 17-2-2 record with nine knockouts.

In a supporting eight, junior flyweight Shuichi Hozumi, 109, gained a unanimous decision from Tsuguhiro Tomioka, 110.

Free swinging feather Yuji Hisamatsu, 125¼, banged out tall but fragile Kazuo Yoshinaga, 124¾, with a wild left hook in the second round. Feather hope Hiroyuki Yatsu, 3-0, all by kayo, and at 125½, had a tough time after he dropped Akira Komori, 126, in the first session. They drew in one of the best fights of the night.

Nineteen-year-old southpaw puncher Tsuyoshi Hamada, Japan's amateur high school champ last year at 129¼, made a fine pro debut by halting Kenichi Kakegawa, 128¾, in the second round.

The card was presented by Honda's Teiken Promotion and telecast through Tokyo Channel 12.

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL–Elongated lefty Kenji Shibata, national junior middleweight titlist at 154¾, proved too much in power and sharpness by demolishing Tarzan Tobaru, 154½, in 3:09 of the fifth round before 1,800 cheering spectators at the Hall.

It was an oeverweight go, so Shibata's title was not at stake. From the start, Shibata made good use of his southpaw jabs. After winning the first two sessions, Shibata connected with a vicious short right at the jaw following a light one-two midway in round three. Down Tarzan went. Shibata, twenty-six and two years his junior, could not finish the JBC's second-ranked welterweight in that round, but the end seemed soon. Just before the bell to end the fifth canto, the winner's strong left caught the wide open target, stretching him on the deck. When Tarzan staggered up, referee Shimakawa had finished tolling the fatal ten.

Shibata's easy triumph in their rematch carried him to a record of 24-5-3, including fourteen kayos, while Tarzan's dropped to 13-4 (ten kayoes).

After Futaro Tanaka's liver trouble was found at the JBC physical exam, the less experienced Masaru Yamamoto, twenty-one and 6-1-2 (five kayoes), became a substitute for him and fought Hurricane Teru, the JBC's second-ranked banty a quarter pound heavier at 120, in a scheduled eight-rounder.

Teru easily dropped Yamamoti on three occasions and was awarded an automatic kayo in the third session. It was Teru's twenty-seventh win and tenth knockout against eight defeats and three draws.

The winning streak of Tadashi Tomori, 107½ and this year's Shinjin-o winner, was stopped at nine as he lost an upset majority decision to veteran Puma Koya, 107 pounds, in eight.

Tomori, piloted by Misako, was unable to display his usual zip owing to Puma's sticky body bombardments. The official score was 38-36, 38-37 and 38-38.

Junior feather Yutaka Kinoshita, 121¾, was a unanimous victor over Kazuo Saito, 121¾, in six. Former kick-boxing champ Shooh Daigen, a slow but tough puncher at 129½, scored well with body punches, stopping Shori Takasaki, 130, in the fourth session.

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Champion: Jae Do Yuh (K)
1. Wally Carr (A)
2. Chong Pal Park (K)
3. Rudy Siregar (I)
4. Katsuo Ezashi (J)
5. Al Korevov (A)
6. Nam Yong Park (K)
7. Cassius Naito (J)
8. Torkano Markos (A)
9. Nessie Horigushi (J)
10. Alberto Cruz (P)

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Tadashi Mihara (J)
1. Kenji Shibata (J)
2. Aquilino Nicolas Jr. (P)
3. Ho Joo (K)
4. Yong Taek Kim (K)
5. Michihiro Horihaba (J)
6. Eddie Buttons (A)
7. Chul Kwon Suh (K)
8. Chung Shi Kim (K)
9. Armando Boniquito (P)
10. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Mak Dok Lee (K)
1. Akio Kameda (J)
2. Gideon Toyogon (P)
3. Joo Suk Kim (K)
4. Setve Dennis (A)
5. Kunphol Sakornphitak (T)
6. Noli Galicia (P)
7. Mitsuo Kushikino (J)
8. Dan De Guzman (P)
9. Thamingthong Singsamang (T)
10. Namin Baek (K)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Chapion: Chun Kim (K)
1. Chong Ho Kim (K)
2. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
3. Ruben Rabago (P)
4. Minoru Sugiya (J)
5. Thom Singthanongsakdi (T)
6. Eiichi Fukumoto (J)
7. Chong Chul Choi (K)
8. Togta Kiatvayyupakdi (T)
9. Edward Heneral (P)
10. Baby Cassius Austin (A)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Yung Ho Oh (K)
1. Many Israel (P)
2. Jenrub Muangsurin (T)
3. Battle Hawk Kazama (J)
4. Barry Michel (A)
5. Lee Iidana (K)
6. Celso Esmero (P)
7. Joe Lim (P)
8. Vechayn Senaphitak (T)
9. Bill Moeller (A)
10. Mitsuo Ohashi (J)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Mun Suk Choi (K)
1. Takao Maruki (J)
2. Tae jin Mun (K)
3. Johny Sato (P)
4. Roger Hanry (A)
5. Hyun Il Park (K)
6. Nitoy Bantilan (P)
7. Ryu Fukida (J)
8. Arman Bangoyan (P)
9. Larry Valesim (A)
10. Sumake Chochang (T)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Spider Nemoto (J)
2. Suk Tae Yun (K)
3. Shuzo Yoshida (J)
4. Klonyoth P. Punyoth (T)
5. Bok Soo Hwang (K)
6. Roland Navarete (P)
7. Fernando Cabanela (P)
8. Manus Lo-Ngerg (T)
9. Nene Jun (P)
10. Kunpholek Sakorn Phitak (T)

JR. FEATERWEIGHTS
Champion: Soo Hyun Chung (K)
1. Ric Dimale (P)
2. Chong Wo Baek (K)
3. Yu Kasahara (J)
4. Dejvarin Hollywood (T)
5. Brian Robert (A)
6. Dok Hyun Koh (K)
7. Naptali Alamg (P)
8. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (J)
9. Morkasayoi Munangsurin (T)
10. Somkiat Sukothai (T)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Eijiro Murata (J)
1. Yung Shi Kim (K)
2. Kosei Analn (J)
3. Paul Ferreri (A)
4. Jin Ishigaki (J)
5. Billy Abato (P)
6. InKyo Park (K)
7. Venice Borkorsor (T)
8. Harricane Teru (J)
9. Dong Yul Oh (K)
10. Duen-e-San Luklongjun (T)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Tsutomu Igarashi
1. Jiro Takada (J)
2. Koichi Maki (J)
3. Bernabe Villacampo (P)
4. Dan Pisalchai (T)
5. Arnel Arrozal (P)
6. Seun Hoon Lee (K)
7. Shigeo Nakajima (J)
8. Steve Bell (A)
9. Hwan Soo Yang (K)
10. Sangthon Sithumrong (T)

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Sang Il Chung (K)
1. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
2. Mak Dong Kim (K)
3. Chung Cherng Borkorsor (T)
4. Tae Shi Kim (K)
5. Junior Thompson (A)
6. Tsugumasa Toma (J)
7. Anaceto Vargas (P)
8. Pedro Solo (A)
9. Chungthep Chunwatana (T)
10. Ric Barimbad (P)

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Note: The OPBF does not rate boxers currently rated by world boxing organizations.

The card, presented by Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotion, gathered an estimated 1,800 fight fans at the Hall.

OMIYA CITY GYMNASIUM–Short but xusy junior flyweight champion Kazunori Tenryu scored the fourteenth defense of his national crown as he pounded out a unanimous decision over Nobuo Sasano, a 22-year-old rookie with a 10-2 (four kayoes) record, in ten furious heats before a gathering of some three thousand spectators. Their difference in height seven inches. The taller Sasano fought well in the first half, was especially in the fifth round when he had the tiny champ at bay with a volley of punches to the face.

Tenryu, twenty-eight, came back vigorously and he dropped the challenger with a gazelle right for the compulsory eight count. The veteran, 26-6-3 with twelve knockouts, was in command from then on. In the tenth and final round, Tenryu landed a wicked left uppercut on his fading rival to deck him again. Apparently, the second knockdown brought Tenryu the victory. Historically speaking, Tenryu's fourteen defenses is second to the still unbroken record of national lightweight champ Masaji Akiyama's ninteen consecutive defenses from 1950 to 1955. Akiyama is now a boxing writer for **The Hochi Sports Paper**.

In a supporting six, Ken Sogo, 128, disposed of Nobutomo Sakai, 132 pounds, in the fourth round.

There were five other four-rounders. It was promoted by the Osamu Club.

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL–It was a twelve-round semi-final of the WBC's newly established cruiserweight championship, 175 to 190 pounds. Japan's hard punching Toshiaki Suzuki, 188¼ and the fourth contender rated by the WBC, knocked out Korean Kang Heun-Won, the third ranker at 177¼, at 2:13 of the fourth session before some two thousand fans at the Hall.

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Each was twenty-five years of age, but their difference of height and physique was such that the end looked soon. The taller and bigger Suzuki, however, was annoyed by Kang's tremendous courage in responding with vicious short hooks at close quarters. Suzuki, 7-2 with seven kayoes, took the second session, but lost the next round owing to Kang's sudden attack, which had the Japanese bleeding from the right eyebrow. In round four, Suzuki started with stinging lefts, nailed the shorter (by four inches) Korean to the ropes and sent a barrage of lefts and rights home. Suzuki's final right was strong enough to sink Kang on the seat of his trunks. Though Kang regained his feet, the damage was so much that he was counted by by the referee, Yoshida. It was the left-hooking Kang's ninth defeat against thirteen wins and two draws. Suzuki, in connection with VIP manager Kanehira, will fight for the WBC cruiserweight final, but he revealed some flaws this night being deficient in infighting. Moreover, Suzuki, a legitimate light heavyweight, seemed to have lacked his potential speed, if not his power, with some additional fat around his waist to be a cruiseweight fighter.

In a supporting ten, lefty flyweight Kazumasa Tamashiro displayed a fine opening attack by stopping Ryu Kaionji at 2:27 in the second round. Tamashiro's combinations were so effective as to have Ryu lose his fighting spirit. He took a rope down, only to be counted out by the third man in his own corner. Tamashiro, twenty five years of age and having compiled a 10-6-1 record with five kayos, showed brilliant progress in his aggressive attack.

PHILIPPINES

MANILA–An upset stunned the crowd. The WBC's fourth-rated lightweight contender, Celso esmero was stopped by an unheralded and neglected trial horse, Korea's Chun Hyun-Kil, in the ninth session of a scheduled tenner. Esmero was not only the Philippines' best hope but also a potential candidate for the vancant WBC championship in the 135-pound class. The unexpected victor, Chun, was rather a rookie, rated by the Korean Boxing Commission as its second junior lightweight. Chun last year came to Japan and engaged in the meeting of Korea vs. Japan Shinjin-o (Novice King) winners on July 25, when he outpowered Keizo Kurebayashi in six unanimous rounds at Korakuen Hall, Tokyo.

Following the important triumph, Chun entered the WBC lightweight ratings as the fifth contender.

Esmero, piloted by ex-world junior lightweight boss Gabriel (Flash) Elorde, will offer Chun a rematch in the near future.

GEN. SANTOS CITY–Promoter Agustin Garcia's dual tenner of national champs in non-title goes caused a great sensation here, but both champs lost upset decisions to tough opponents.

Featherweight boss Nene Jun, 128, was annoyed by veteran Fernando Cabanela's cleverness, dropping a split nod after twelve close frames. Cabanela, at 128, once challenged Masao Ohba in Tokyo and Carlos zarate in Mexico. He is now fighting as a featherweight.

In a companion ten, junior lightweight leader Arman Bangoyan, 129¼, was defeated by Bitoy Bantlan, 130½, who gained a unanimous ten-round decision.

Flyweight Ed Cabreros, 115 h, also lost an upset decision to George Pedroso, 115, ten.

Junior light weight Nick Caputol, 19½, unanimously whipped Jun Moises, 128, in a supporting ten.

DAVAO CITY–Another good card was presented by the same impresario, Garcia. It was an encounter of national champions.

Ric Diamale, GAB (Games and Amusements Board) super bantamweight boss at 119½, scored a unanimous decision over Billy Abato, the bantam ruler scaling a pound lighter, in twelve heats.

CEBU CITY–Roland Navarrete, 127, faced a tough veteran Thai named Thanomchit Sukothai, 126 pounds, and they fiercely battled to a unanimous draw in ten hot frames.

The semi-final ten witnessed a technical draw of GAB sixth featherweight Sandy Torres and Dommy Marolena, each weighing at 128 pounds. Junior flyweight Ben Aldeguer, 110, won a split nod over Demetrio Alferez, 109, ten.

RMC, MANILA–In the main event of promoter Paciencia Hitosis' triple tenner, welterweight speedster Dan De Guzman, 146, was awarded a technical decision over Ramon Dionisio, 147½, in their scheduled ten. Guzman, ex-national junior welter boss, moved up to the welterweight division after he was dethroned by Ruben Rabago via an upset decision in September last. He, in the 140-pound class, had beaten Australia's Hector Thompson, ex-world challenger Tongta Kiatvayupakdi and former Orient leader Wongso Suseno of Indonesia in the previous year.

Guzman may be a good opponent for Korea's new OPBF welter kingpin, Kim Mak-Dok, who wrested the title from veteran Japanese Ryu Sorimachi via a six round knockout in Tokyo last March.

In a supporting ten, junior flyweight Lord Esmero, 107½, also won from Tony Seas, 110, by a technical decision.

GAB banty Eddie Galler, 116, lost a unanimous verdict to Ador Seguin, 119, in another ten.

CEBU CITY–National junior welter champion Ruben Rabago, 139¼, met former OPBF titlist and compatriot Moises Cantoja, 141, and won a unanimous decision. It was a non-title card, whose impresario was Benjamin Sun. Cantoja, a little too wild fpr Rabago, had forfeited his crown on a twelve-round decision to Korea's Kim Sang-Hyun last September. Kim then became the WBC junior welter titlist by a thirteenth round kayo over Thai Saensak Muangsurin in December. Cantoja may meet Kim again, if the Korean southpaw still holds the WBC championship.

In a supporting ten, lightweight puncher Rod Delos Santos, 137¼, technically kayoed Tony Flores, 135, in the ninth round.

In a bantam tenner, Romy Roa, GAB fourth contender at 118½, eked out a split decision over Manny Sacay, 117½ pounds.

OZAMAS CITY–GAB's fifth-ranked flyweight, Flash Jagdon, 112, unanimously beat Danilo Gonzaga, also at the limit, in ten.

In the first ten, lightweight Nilo Acido defeated Dario Medila by a unanimous decision. Both scaled in at 135 pounds.

DAVAO CITY–Second junior flyweight Ric Brimbad, 110, displayed his superioirty in outscoring Lord Esmero, 117½, in ten heats.

Another 108-pounder, Diego De Villa, scored a unanimous victory from Andy Balaba, one pound heavier at 110½, in ten.

Bantam Jun Belemac, 119½, decisively whipped Renato paulind, 117½, in the first ten.

The promoter of the triple card was Margarito Daramayo.

RMC, MANILA–GAB top lightweight contender, Joe Lim, 136, engaged in a twelve-rounder with Pete Alferez, 133½, whom the former defeated by a TKO in the ninth round.

In a semi-final ten, the GAB's top notcher in the 122-pound class, Neptali Alamag, found his rival, San Sacristan, tough, but eked out a split decision in a hard-fought contest. Each entered the ring at 123 pounds.

Rising lightweight Baby Art Alcantara, 136½, scored another split nod over Al Cordero, 135, in ten.

MEDINA, MISAMIS OR.–Banty Bob Castor, 119, unanimously beat Jimmy Bascon, 118, in the ten-round main event promoted by Narciso Martinez.

In a companion ten, GAB sixth 130-pounder Ric Dolotallas impressively finished Ding Villafuerte in the tenth and final round. Each weighed in at the limit.

ORONGAPO CITY–GAB second lightweight Mike Benitez, 135, won a unanimous decision over Orland Cruz, 132, in ten frames.

QUEZON CITY–Flyweight puncher Tito Abella, 113, proved too powerful for Jun Fernandez, 111½, stopping him in the ninth session of a scheduled ten.

SURIGAO DEL SUR–Super bantam Deron Porras, 123, was awarded a majority decision over Rey Naduma, Jr., 124, in ten rounds promoted by Margarito Daramayo.

CABUYAO, LAGUNA–On impresario Grego Garcia's card, lightweight Mar Alverio, 138, won from Rocky Anobling, 138, by a technical knockout in the eighth round.

PANIQUE, TARLAC–GAB seventh junior featherweight Chito Adigue, 122½, fought hard and gained a split decision over Ruben Arevalo, 122, in ten.

ANGELS CITY–Top bantam contender Eddie Miral, 116, decisioned Flash Gapasin, 115, in ten unanimous rounds.

QUEZON CITY–Willie Espinosa, 127¾, was held to a majority draw by Henry Barcellano, 127½, in ten.

SURIGAO NORTE–Lightweight puncher Al Rodrigo, 135, technically kayoed Flash Balerosa, 137, in the eighth round.

GEN. SANTOS CITY–National welterweight champion Gideon Toyogon barely kept his title via a majority draw with Noli Galicha in twelve hairline heats. Each tipped the beam a half pounder lighter than the 147-pound limit. Galicha fought well, but his performance was insufficient to wrest the GAB crown.

Middleweight Jun Sarana, 156 pounds, annexed a unanimous duke from Peter Piamonte, 160, in a supporting ten.

CAVITE CITY–Welterweight Roberto Depsi, 141, lost a unanimous nod to Francisco Balase, 140 pounds, in ten.

ANGELS CITY–Former national champ Fred "Bruce Lee" Basa, 130, on the comeback trail, night outpointed Rocky Gernandizo, 131, in ten frames.

ANGELS CITY–On Antonio Esguerra's card, junior lightweight Alex David, 131 pounds, unanimously whipped Joe Almano, 132, in ten.

BUGIAS, BENGUET–Junior flyweight Mechor Degsi, 108, scored a unanimous decision over Perez, Jr., 108 pounds, in ten frames.

QUEZON CITY–GAB second flyweight Lino Boy Base, 110, was a unannimous winner over Jun Simbajon, 112, ten.

ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE–Lightweight Leo Dollotallas, 135, copped a majority decision from Aiovanni Rada, 135, in ten rounds promoted by George Dolotallas.

DAVAO CITY–Junior flyweight Ronaldo Sumalis, 114½, entered into an overweight bout with Robinson Abato, 115, and the GAB sixth-rated flyweight, beating the latter in ten unanimous rounds.

In a semi-windup ten, lightweight puncher Nilo Acido, 135, halted Cris Boy Otero, 137, in the sixth session.

Junior featherweight Gerron Porras, 122, eked out a split nod over Glen Orlanes, 121, in the first ten.

ANGELS CITY–Ex-Orient lightweight boss Fred Pastor, 137, fought to a technical draw with Dony Soriano, 136– in a scheduled tenner promoted by Antonio Esguerra.

KOREA

SEOUL, KOREA–WBC flyweight champion Park Chan-Hee, 111– successfully retained his crown for the first time since dethroning Mexican Miguel Canto as he won a shutout decision over Japan's Tsutomu (Riki) Igarashi, 111½, in 15 speedy rounds at Changchung Gymnasium.

The official scoresheets were as follows: Referee Dick Young of Los Angels 150-141, Korean judge Chang Chung-Won 150-134 and Japanese judge Shoichi Uchida 150-142, all in Park's favor.

TAEJON–A double header was the attraction. KBC (Korea Boxing Commission) top junior flyweight Kim Yung-Shik showed his strength in beating Nipponese Torayuki Nanasha in ten unanimous rounds.

CULTURAL GYMASIUM–On the second day, Korean Novice King winners completely overwhelmed Japanese newcomers, beating them all.

FLYWEIGHT: Unbeaten prospect Bae Suk-Chul (K), the ninth contender of Korea at 111¾, made very short work of Toshikazu Higa, 110½, at only 1:49 of the first round. Bae, superior at height, reach, power and speed, incessantly battered Higa all to sticks to have him counted out at the first knockdown.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT: Lefty Jo Tasuki (J), hard-hitting but poor at defense, deopped Kim Chan-Kyum (K), a quarter pound heavier at 121¾, with a straight left in the opening session, but received Kim's solid blows and hit the deck twice and for the count in the second round.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Lee Dae-Hwan (K), 125¾, won a close but unanimous nod from Tomio Nakamura (J), 124¾, after the latter continued missing too plenty. The loser went to Seoul to hit the air.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Sturdy Lee Chong-Sil (K), 137¼, had a tough fight with body puncher Tadashi Suginaga (J), 135¾, and gained a close decision in six. They exchanged strong blows toe-to-toe in the center of the ring, but Lee's power looked superior as the contest progressed.

WELTERWEIGHT: OPBF middleweight champ's younger brother, yuh Jae-Hyung (K), 147 and Korea's fifth welterweight, is not a hard puncher, Yuh Jae-Do, WBC sixth contender, but he weakened Shigeo Takagi (J), 146, considerably and finished

him in the sixth and final round. When Yuh's sharp one-twos dropped Takagi twice in the fatal session, a towel was tossed in to save the loser from further punishment.

The enterprise to have those youngsters meet every year must be good enough to encourage the fight fraternity of both countries. However, if Japanese boxers had been stronger, these bouts would have seemed more interesting.

THAILAND

LUMPINEE STADIUM, BANGKOK–Ex-national junior flyweight champion Krasaresin Lerkchai returned to ring warefare after a two year lay-off and decisioned Rerngchai Kiatchainarong in six rounds.

LUMPINEE STADIUM, BANGKOK–(Thailand Boxing Commission) fifth-ranked flyweight Rerngnoi Sithjular was powerful enough to demolish Neramit Phichitchai in the third session.

LUMPINEE STADIUM, BANGKOK–Top junior flyweight contender Chukthep Chuvatana won a unanimous decision over Graravag Petcharern in ten good rounds. In the main event, OPBF junior featherweight champion Chung Soon-Hyun easily outpowered Satoru Hirata, whom he demolished in the third session of their scheduled ten.

SEOUL, CULTURAL GYNMASIUM–The second annual meeting between Korean and Japanese Shinjin-o (Novice King) winners took place in every class for two days. The first was held in Tokyo last year.

The Korean winners, most of whom were rated by the Commission more highly than the Japanese ones due to their superior amateur careers, displayed power, speed, and skills, winning most of the competitions.

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHT CLASS: Unbeaten Tadashi Tomori (J), 106¾, dropped Han Chung-Il, KBC's fifth ranker, with a straight right in the opening round, endured Han's revenging attack and won a decision in six. Tomori cleverly outlegged Han, 107½, in the second half.

BANTAMWEIGHT: Fast moving Takihiro Hashimoto (J), 116¾, scored two knockdowns each in round two and six, and was awarded a kayo win from Chung Moon-Pyung (K), 117¼, and was awarded a kayo win from Chung Moon-Pyung (K), 117¼, at 1:02 of the sixth round. The third man declared a halt to save the shorter loser.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Hard punching hope Yang Il (K), 126 pounds, surprised the crowd, as he swarmed over Hideharu Mitsui (J), 124, and decked him three times, being awarded an automatical knockout triumph in only 2:02 of the first session. Yang's future looks bright.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT: Another hard hitter Park Sang-Bok (K), KBC fifth contender, proved too strong, as he floored Shuji Hattori (J), 129½, in the first and second round, when a towel was tossed in to stop Park assaulting the groggy Japanese. Park entered the ring at 128.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT: A controversial disqualification was seen at the end of the fifth round, when Kimcchin-Nam 2k), 139¾, dropped Masami Kikkawa (J), 138½, with an illegal punch after the bell, and was declared a loser. In the proceedings, Kim was a onesided aggressor who decked the Nipponese in the first two rounds and kept battering him all the way.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: KBC third middleweight Chun Kee-Yong, 157½, downed Kenji Miyata (J), 159 pounds, in the opening session, but eked out a close decision owing to the latter'sattack in late rounds.

LUMPINE STADIUM, BANGKOK–Thai junior featherweight Pisvong Sithbungerd lost an upset decision to rookie feather Sinsamuth Sithgunphai in six.

RAJADAMNERN STADIUM, BANGKOK–TBC tenth flyweight Pornchai Sakdiphetong defeated Daranoi D.R.T. in six limited rounds.

RAJADAMNERN STADIUM, BANGKOK–The third flyweight Suriya Pratimvadee won a unanimous decision from Wonchai S. Pengpis in a junior flyweight sixer.

RAJADAMNERN STADIUM, BANGKOK–An unexpected result was seen, to the crod' surprise, as Thai junior flyweight champ Chancherng Borkorsor, a prohibitive favorite, lost a decision to neglected older soldier Chairith Petchkasem in six nontitle rounds. They fought under the 112-pound limit, so the national throne of Borkorsor was luckily safe.

RAJADAMNERN STADIUM, BANGKOK–In a ten round eliminator to decide the new welterweight champion, Kunphel Sakornphitak impressively TKO'd Jong Sathiragym in the sixth round, as the loser was hurt so much as to surrender suddenly. Jong was the former junior welterweight boss after a considerable layoff.

RAJADAMNERN STADIUM, BANGKOK–Thai second banty Duen-e-san Luklongjun technically kayoed Sakianan Leadchoupha in the sixth and final round.

RAJADAMNERN STADIUM, BANGKOK–Rising junior flyweight Srithancha Sithsanae dropped an upset decision to Wongchai S. Pengpis in six hot frames.

BANGKOK–The fifth King's Cup Amateur Tournament came to an end after fifteen-nation, ten-day competitions.

Jim Clark, a 22-year-old heavyweight of the United States, knocked out Erik Hansen, Danish champ, in less than two minutes of the first round and received the honorable Royal Trophy–that is, the Award for the Best Fighter. Jim's fighting was so brilliant that he unanimously outscored Victor Ulyanich, Russia's 1975 Rueopean heavyweight champion, in a quarter final, and his solar plexus punch had Hansen double up for the count in the final.

Generally speaking, Russian boxers were fighting well enough to win the King's Cup for the champion team.

The other results were as follows:

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT: Algirdas Janchauskas (USSR) halted Boon Sri Tipsrinuan (Thai) in the first round, as the refereecalled a stoppage.

MIDDLEWEIGHT: Philip McElwaine (Australia) decisioned Adin Sinag (Pakistan) in three.

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT: Samvel Abramyan (USSR) outpointed Rabiab Sangnuan (Thai) in three.

WELTERWEIGHT: O. Teptsov (USSR) won from compatriot R. Sergey in three.

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT: Pat Jefferson (U.S.) decisioned Boontam Un-Asa (Thai) in three.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Russian E. Kotov beat Tongtuam Srmora (Thai) on points.

FEATHERWEIGHT: Wiroj Siwapa (Thai) defeated Werasak Konkeaw (Thai) by a decision in three.

BANTAMWEIGHT: Thai Pradit Srisatid gained a decision from fellow countryman Cho Maneerssayakorn in three.

FLYWEIGHT: Another final of Thai contestants were seen in Suwan Slipaya winning from Somsak Netrnontao in three.

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT: Sama-Air Buar-Hang (Thai) won a decision over Kim Myung-Hwan (Korea) in three.

TEXAS TIDINGS

By C.A. JACKSON

BEAUMONT–Civic Center–Pro boxing made it's debut at the beautiful new Beaumont Civic Center under the promotional auspices of Olympiad Promotions. A new Texas light heavyweight champ was crowned on this evening, as Houston based Otis Gordon stopped defending champ Clyde Mudgett of Dallas at 0:35 of the ninth round in a scheduled twelve-round affair. Gordon dominated throughout, using a potent left jab to set Clyde up for other blows. Mudgett never quit trying, but simply didn't have enough firepower to stay with Gordon. This was a most impressive outing for Gordon, as he had been known for his early knockouts; and to go a considerable distance against a tough foe should give him confidence as he moves into a tougher level of competition.

The co-feature saw local favorite Wilford Scypion stop veteran Johnny Heard of Chicago in the second round. The first round between these middleweights was a "feel-em-out" affair, but midway through the second stanza Scypion unloaded, and Johnny was down for the count. Scypion, the top middleweight prospect in this part of the country, raised his record to 8-0 with this win.

The eight-round semi-final saw Matt Ross, formerly of Billerica, Mass., and now fighting out of Houston stop Grover Robinson of Dallas at the 3:25 mark of the sixth round. Robinson dominated the early going, but in the third round Ross found the range with his hard body blows, and from that time on the end was inevitable for Grover. Ex Welter Champ Curtis Cokes was in the loser's corner for this bout.

Two scheduled six-rounders opened the show. In the curtain raiser, Mario Medina stopped Martin Jimenez at 2:34 of the fourth round in a welterweight match. In a light-heavyweight encounter, the ref intervened at 2:42 of the third round and awarded Don Fitzsimmons a TKO over "Bearcat" Kelly.

BEAUMONT–Civic Center–In the second promotion by Olympiad Promotions at the Beaumont Civic Center, local middleweight favorite Wilford Scypion raised his record to 8-0 with a second round stoppage of Jesse Edwards of Mobile, Alabama. Edwards had stated before the bout that he would thrash Scypion easily; but once the opening bell rang, the "Hammer from 'Bama" couldn't back up his prefight predictions. Another impressive showing for Scypion, who now appears ready for a tougher foe.

In the other scheduled ten-rounder, Billy Miller of Beaumont came on strong in the eighth, ninth, and tenth rounds to defeat Danny Donatto of Houston in a welterweight clash. The decision was unanimous, though apparently some of the local news media saw it other wise. This reporter had the agressive Miller winning by a 97-94 margin, with his late round strength telling the tale. This was a real barn-burner, the type that boxing needs more of.

The evening's other crowd pleaser saw Norris McKinney score a unanimous eight-round decision over Leon "Whitey" McCullum of Houston. McKinney's great advantage in reach kept the stocky McCullum at a distance most of the evening in this middleweight battle.

This evening's prelims: Tommy Young stopped J. B. Lara in the first round of a bantamweight bout with a hard body shot. Rene Pagan stopped William Jones in the third of a scheduled four round middleweight fight; and in a heavyweight walkout four, Larry Montgomery whipped Willie Staglin.

NEWS FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

HONOLULU, OAHU–Blaisdell Center–Andrew Ganigan, 135, Honolulu, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Chun Hyung Kil, 134, Korea, in a twelve-rounder. Ganigan won all but the first round, which was declared even. Judges Bobby Lee and Edward Higa scored it 60-49 and 60-48, respectively, while referee Manny Tolentino had a score-card of 60-48.

Chun, who has had only about ten pro fights, played it very safe by keeping his distance throughout. On the few occasions in which he did mix it up, he displayed an uncanny talent to roll with Ganigan's best punches. Chun also landed a few punches but they were stingless. All in all, the fight was pretty dull.

Sold on the slim promise that the winner of this fight would be matched with world lightweight titleholder Jimmy Watt later this year, the fight nevertheless drew a disappointing crowd of slightly over five-thousand fans, although the gross gate receipts were over $60,000.00. (Ganigan had been drawing seven to right thousand fans consistently in his last few fights.)

Koroseta Kid, 204½, Samoa, TKO'd Jesus Meneses, 202½, Mexico, in five. Mark Ibanez, 137¾, Honolulu, beat Ful Sumagaysay, 135, Philippines, six. Mauricio Adana, 147¼, Mexico, knocked out Alfred "Kid" Logan, 147¼, Puerto Rico, in three. Malo Fale, 133½, Samoa, decisioned Virgilio, Legaspi, 129, Philippines, five rounds. Calvin Mobley, 167¼, Honolulu, won over Bernie D'Zurella, 162, Honolulu, four.

HONOLULU, OAHU–Abdul Bey, 126, Chicago, chilled Jesus Chuy Rocha, 125, Mexico, in the 2nd of a ten-rounder.

Jose Caba, 125½, Dominican Republic, knocked out Gustavo Lara, 124½, Mexico, in the first of a ten.

Alfred "Kid" Logan, 147, Puerto Rico, stopped Noli Galicha, 150½, Philippines, in five.

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By RUGGLES LARSON

PORTLAND, OREGON–Curtis Ramsey, 144½, Portland, Oregon, and Steve Chase, 143½, Kelso, Washington, fought to a twelve-round draw at Jantzen Beach Arena. Approximately 1,500 fans attended, grossing $9,700.

The majority of fight fans thought Curtis had won the bout with his skillful boxing tactics, despite Chase's eighth-round knockdown of Ramsey. Mike Morton, Ramsey's manager, loudly protested the official score of: 117-114, 115-117, and 118-118.

Pinklon Thomas, 206, Seattle, won his eighth consecutive pro fight by stopping veteran George Jerome of Vancouver, B.C. Jerome's fourteen-pound weight advantage failed to distract the fast punching Thomas. In another scheduled eight-rounder, Ken Arlt, 220, Beaverton, Oregon, won a unanimous decision over Bennett White, 229, Carson City, Nevada. Steve Asher, 228, Springfield, Oregon, was awarded a third round TKO over Gary Phillips, 205, Portland.

Asher and Phillips gave the fans an extra bout after their scheduled encounter had terminated. The two fighters used pro wrestling tactics and Thai boxing methods, which resulted in both fighters being suspended; Phillips indefinitely and Asher for sixty days.

Former Golden Gloves star Jim Cassidy handled the refereeing chores for the professional card.

MISSOULA, MONTANA–The Camel brothers of Missoula scored main event victories on a professional card in their home town. Marvin, 185, won a twelve-round unanimous decision over Bill Sharkey, 185, New York. Younger brother Kenny outpointed C. J. Brown, 166, Eugene, Oregon, in ten rounds.

PNW Notes–Portland middleweight Daryl Penn scored a ten-round unanimous decision over Rudy Garcia in the main event at Stockton, California.

CANADIAN RING ACTION

By FRANK ALLNUTT

MONTREAL–More than five thousand fans packed the Paul Sauve Arena for Regis Levesque's promotion when he headlined with the hottest fistic attraction in Canada today, Eddy Melo. In a scheduled ten, Melo was in with former Columbian fighter Bonifacio Avila who now fights out of Montreal. Starting off at a blistering pace the nineteen year old Melo threw everything at Avila, ten years his senior. It was an action-packed round which had the fans all worked up. Continuing his torrid pace Melo won the next two rounds and appeared to be on his way to an early victory. To the surprise of Melo and the excited fans, Avila stormed back to win the fourth round in handy style with a series of solid straight right-hand punches and uppercuts that snapped back the head of Melo. At the bell it was Melo who was rocking and rolling back to his corner. Shaking off the surprise attack by Avila, Melo again took over in the fifth round and was scoring with punishing blows to the body and head which slowed down Avila. In the sixth round, Melo decked his opponent three times, the third one coming at 2:36 of the round when Avila just could not beat the count. It was the thirteenth straight win for Melo who complained after the fight that the Montreal Athletic Commission had insisted that he shed some three pounds to come in at the weight limit called for in the contract. Melo finally weighed in at 163¾.

His next bout is a scheduled twelve-rounder against Gary Summerhays, the Canadian light heavyweight champion, at the Montreal Forum with the title at stake.

Other bouts on the card saw Rusty Rosenberger (New Jersey) kayo Ralph Doucet (Boston) in the second round of a scheduled eight. Nicky Furlano (Toronto) was awarded a unanimous decision over Jose Gonzales (Philadelphia) after eight rounds, a decision which was not well accepted by the fans. Jean LaPointe (Montreal) a unanimous decision winner over Joe Ballarina (Toronto) in a lightweight bout, six rounds. In a great action bout Mario Cusson (Montreal) was a decision winner over Alex McNeil (Toronto).

CANADIAN MARITIMES

By GERRY SPEARS

NEW GLASGOW, NOVA SCOTIA–Nine new members were inducted into the Canadian Boxing Hall of Fame recently by Tony Unitas, founder of the Hall. Former boxers Percy Paris, Gary Simon, Bobby Allen, Bobby Beaton, Barry Sponagle, Jackie Hayden, Art Hafey, Wilf Melanson and a former promoter Harry Trainer were all honored.

Lawrence Hafey of Stellarton and Halifax journeyed to England recently and took on Dave Green, the European welterweight champ, and was stopped in five rounds. Lawrence told me he wasn't actually hurt by Green, but just could not cope with his two-fisted attack. Green, he said, appeared to have six arms he hit so fast and so often.

GLACE BAY, N.S.–Trevor Berbick, the number one contender for the Canadian heavyweight title as a result of his one-sided victory over Earl McLeay of Calgary, is now the recognized champion by just about everyone except George Chuvalo. Berbick stopped McLeay at 2:07 of the seventh round when referee Herb McMullen stepped in to halt proceedings and save McLeay from further punishment.

It is hoped by boxing people, in the Maritimes at least, that Chuvalo, who turned down a reported 25,000 dollar purse to fight Berbick last fall and who now is also reported to be taking members of the Canadian Boxing Federation to court with regard to their taking away his title, would agree to fight Berbick and clear up the matter once and for all. Berbick, for McLeay, weighed probably less than he had for his last four fights, coming in at 210½ pounds while McLeay weighed in at 218.

Allan Clarke 147 pounds of Halifax stopped Rahim Muhammad 148 of New York at 2:53 of the first round, in one of the two six-round bouts on the card. In the other, Hammed Shabazz, 176, of New York, scored a TKO over Mickey MacDonald, 166, of Halifax, in the fourth round.

In the eight round semi-final, Roddie MacDonald, 176, of Toronto and formerly of New Waterford, Cape Breton, stunned the crowd by stopping Hilliard (Junior) Edmond, 174, of Newark, N.J., in the seventh round. MacDonald, after losing each of the first six rounds by being outboxed by Edmond's superior ring experience, landed a left hook to deck Edmond at 2:18 of that round. Edmond beat the count but was in no condition to continue and referee Percy Paris called a halt to proceedings. The crowd, in the vicinity of 2,500, seemed to have enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

HALIFAX, N.S.–Before a crowd of six thousand fans, the fight boxing fans had been waiting for finally came off at the Metro Centre. Chris Clarke, of Halifax, weighing 148, did what he said he could and would do by taking a unanimous decision over Lawrence Hafey, of Stellarton and Halifax, who weighed in at 146 for the fight. In only one round, the fourth, did Hafey appear to be in the fight. After the first three rounds, which Clarke won, Hafey in the fourth, landed four or five hard left hooks to Clarke's jaw which seemed to annoy and hurt Chris. From then on in, it was all down hill for Hafey, who had bled from the nose, eye, and forehead from the second round. It was a superb performance by Clarke, who silenced his critics once and for all as far as Hafey is concerned. Clarke said, after the fight, that he would like a couple of more tune-ups before taking on Clyde Gray in August or September. We will just have to wait and see on that one. As for Hafey, he was considering retirement after the fight but the next day he told us he would wait and see and still thought he had a couple of good fights left. Personally, we would like to see Lawrence call it a day.

In the first of two eight-rounders on the card, Allan Clarke, brother of Chris, weighing in at 143 pounds, and Don Morgan of Nashville, Tennessee, weighing in at 146, battled to a draw in a lacklustre performance by both. Morgan fought in spurts near the end of the rounds and this seemed to gain the nod of the judges, who decided on a draw, although Clarke seemed to have forced the fight and landed more punches.

In the other eight-rounder, Dan Lang of Boston earned a split decision over Ralph Hollett of Halifax, both boys weighed in at 162 pounds. Lang, who came in on short notice, arriving P.M. on the day of the fight, looked very impressive in taking the nod over Hollett. The crowd was very impressed with his ringmanship and he would be welcomed back on another card if the promoters could obtain his services.

IN OLDE NEW ENGLAND

By BILLY KOWALCZYK

PORTLAND, MAINE–Civic Center–The most marvelous masterpiece of boxing machinery in recent fistic history, Marvin Hagler, did it once again, as three-thousand enthusiastic supporters watched what seems to be the world's most exciting middleweight perform as few in his class ever could! They viewed in awe the pin pointing precision, moves, and combinations, and the "Marvelous" one excited, not only his fans, but those of this opponent, a rare accomplishment not equaled since 1948, when Willie Pep regained his world's featherweight title in a performance so perfect, even the Sandy Sadler fans applauded and shouted for the great "Wil 'o The Wisp." As for Hagler, this is getting to be an every bout occurance as he did a paint job on Cincinnati's Jamie Thomas, a tall, lanky, well-conditioned towering 6'2" title aspirant who weighed in at 158 pounds. As a pro, Thomas had a 15-3 record. Now it's four losses, but he's had seventy-seven amateur bouts scoring 52 knockouts while losing ten. The first round was even, the Hagler took the second by a point, the third the same way. The fourth saw a Hagler right send Thomas through the ropes. He got back at the count of eight, but was too wobbly to continue and the referee stopped it, awarding a fourth round KO to Hagler. The most excited spectator at ring side was his most ardent and beautiful fan, his mother, who shoted and cheered with the best of them and wound up by bellowing "I'll go to Monte Carlo after all." (Monte Carlo would be a probable sight for a Hagler-Corro title fight.) His sisters were also at ringside.

It was another great win for the Bald Headed Wonder of the World who also celebrated his 27th birthday. The co-feature saw Tony Petronelli, 144, stop an unhappy Charley Benjamin, a 146 pounder from Hartford, in the fifth round with a firey display of combinations that retired Charley at 2:59.

Vinny Smith, 224, of Portland, won in six over Joe May, 202, of Hartford in a good fight. Steve Zouski, 197, of Brocton, won a six-round decision from New Haven's Johnny Blane. Ken Schmidt of Hamden, Conn., 195, continued his winning ways as he TKO'ed Ray Rodreguez, 205, in the third of a scheduled six. Fern Fernandez, 146, of Portland, scored a third round TKO of Springfield's Steve Snow, who weighed in at 142. Dick Embellon, 202, of Thomaston, CT lost a 1-point split dec. to Jose Verdigo of Holyoke in six good rounds.

In a couple of great three-rounders, Jimmy Keenan won over Maurice Diggins of Portland, and Dick Littlefield did the same with Stan Hubbard.

HARTFORD, CONN.–Civic Center–Louis Davila the long time New England "Lightweight King" continued his march toward recognition as a serious threat for champion Wilfred Benitez's world junior welterweight title as he out boxed, out classed, and completely mastered a strong well schooled Bobby Grant, a likely contender himself from the New Jersey "Boxing Capitol" of Newark! "Louis was just too much" said the saddened Bobby Grant, who came here to win, but just couldn't make the grade!

"Bobby is a good fighter", said Davila, "and he'll be in the ratings before you know it". This comer appreicated the praise both champ and challanger had for each other and a return battle in the later future could be a real natural. Louis said he worked on Grant's mid-section and that was the deciding factor as he wore the challenger down to a sudden walk with the punishing barrage of body blows that prompted referee, Sal Maltempo, to step in and examin Grant in the seventh round and he let the fight continue, and then Grant threw a flurry of his own punches and then as quick as a bolt of lightning, Grant drew back his right hand and almost cried to the referee to examine the obviously painful fist. The referee checked it and began waving his hands signalling the end of the fight! Later, in Grant's dressing room, I saw the New Jersey fighter and his puffed up hand verifying the injury, and it certainly was authentic.

The sell-out crowd was treated to still another "promotional delight" as the undercard for the third time in a row was good to excellent.

In the world ratings in the August issue of *The Ring*, Marcos Geraldo should have been listed as the number six middleweight contender and Elijah Makhathini should have been number seven. They were crossed up through a printer's error.

Lightweights were as follows: 5-Julio Valdez, 6-Alfredo Pitalua, 7-Howard Davis, 8-Jorge Morales, 9-Herman Montes, 10-Masahira Yokai.

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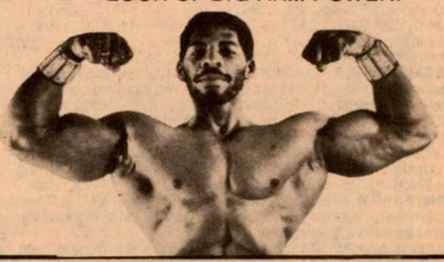

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BOXING IN MEXICO

By EDUARDO AMER G.

CULIACAN, SINALOA–Baldo Gonzales, 112, technically stopped Freddie "Riel" Hernandez, 112, of Colombis, in nine rounds.

MERIDA, YUCATAN–Lupe Madera, 107, won by a TKO over Amado "Panterita" Ursua, 107, in six. Jose Gallegos, 112, TKO'd Luis Enrique Garcia, 112, in seven. Lonny Pacheco, 117, TKO'd Bartolo Silva, 119, in six. Antonio "Chino" Benitez, 114, TKO's Guillermo Mis, 114, in five. Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzales, 132, TKO'd Guadalupe "Lupe" Perez, 134, in six. Diego Franco, 105, TKO'd Roberto Caballero, 107, in two.

TUXTIA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS–Guillermo "Lobo" Morales, 126, embalmed Gustavo Salgado, 125, in the fifth round to retain Mexican featherweight title. Candido Tellez, 108, decisioned Jimmy Fernandez, 110, in ten. Armando Perez, 111, bested Daniel Guillen, 112, ten. Victor Vega, 123, won by a disqualification over Enrique Vazquez, 124, in five. Jorge Martinez, 112, technically kayoed Beto Ramos, 111, in seven.

MEXICO CITY–Sergio Cabrera, 125, nailed Federico Carreno, 125, in two. Nestor Adan, 145, outpointed Lorenzo Alarcon, 147, ten. Chucho Ramirez, 124, won from Enrique Vazquez, 124, eight.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA–David "Maceton" Cabrera, 174, TKO'd Herminio "Loba" Ramirez, 172, in two.

TUXTIA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS–Candido Tellez, 108, flattened Ricardo Lopez, 109, in four. Pedro Perez, 126, iced Miguel Angel Cuello, 125, in the very first round.

MEXICO CITY–Jose Luis Tapia, 134, TKO'd Jesus "Chucho" Ramirez, 131, in four. Arturo Guzman, 145, TKO'd Angel Mata, 146, in two. Rafael Morales, 109, beat Fidel Martinez, 113, in eight. Juan Valencia, 119, knocked out Martin Vidal, 119, in four. Armando Terron, 112, and Victor Palma, 111, drew, four.

CAMPECHE–Ramon Ortiz, 111, bombed Agustin Raygoza, 112, in one. Fernando Chavez, 111, TKO'd Maximo Briceno, 112, in five. Apolo Carcajal, 118, whipped Manuel Olivares, 119, six. "Cordobes" Lopez, 113, decisionsed Transito Lopez, 112, four. Manuel Ojeda, 114, technically kayoed Gerardo Celis, 115, in two.

MEXICO CITY–Salvador Sanchez, 126, TKO'd Salvador "Negro" Torres, 126, in seven. Brigido Martinez, 126, TKO'd Babe San Martin, 125, in eight. Juan Jimenez, 124, embalmed Rodolfo Castillo, 124, in four. Miguel Valderrama, 116, TKO'd Rigoberto Herrera, 116, in three. Nicolas Herrera, 147, decisioned Alberto Ruelas, 146, four.

GUADALAJARA, JALISCO–Manuel Gomez, 135, demolished Alejandro Agosto, 135, in seven. Alfonso Hernandez, 119, got the duke over Maximino Guevara, 119, ten.

MATAMOROS, TAMAULIPAS–Chuy Miranda, 114, grabbed the decision over Fernando Molina, 113, ten. Roberto Lara, 111, destroyed Fernando Zuniga, 111, in two.

MEXICO CITY–Juan Garcia, 126, TKO'd Ruben Garcia, 127, in nine. Ambrosio Luna, 117, TKO'd Aureliano "Pulga" Sanchez, 115, in six. Nacho Rivera, 124, TKO'd Demetrio Vega, 125, in four. Juan Hernandez, 129, outscored Federico Nunez, 130, six. Jaime Dominguez, 111, lost to Hipolito Hernandez, 113, four.

MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON–Basilio Guajardo, 147, stopped Rodolfo Valero, 147, in twelve to capture the welterweight championship of Nuevo Leon State.

GUADALAJARA, JALISCO–Ray "Pelon" Rodriguez, 114, outpointed Eduardo Torres, 115, ten.

LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA–Jose "Bazooka" Zavala, 108, technically drew with Salvador "Olivaritos" Avendano, 108, in six.

MEXICO CITY–Ruben "Gato" Mancilla, 112, won by a disqualification from Miguel "Raton" Gonzalez, 111, in seven. Juan Jimenez, 124, TKO'd Rafeal Varela, 125, in five.

GUADALAJARA, JALISCO–Benjamin Abarca, 127, whipped Manuel Ferrer, 126, in ten. Salvador Sosa, 134, TKO'd Florentino Palomeque, 133, in the beginning round.

MATAMOTOS, TAMAULIPAS–Chuy Miranda, 116, beat Hector "Soldado" Perez, 117, ten. Roberto Lara, 111, defeated Rodolfo Tamayo, 112, ten.

MEXICO CITY–David "Maceton" Cabrera, 175, gained Carlos Mark, 165, ten. Jose Duarte, 150, TKO'd Andres Fernandez, 145, in seven. Jose Acosta, 115, and Heriberto Saavedra, 116, drew in eight. Romulo Rocha, 136, lost to Reyes Gonzalez, 134, by a TKO in four. Miguel Garcia, 113, drew with Mario Ochoa, 112, four.

MEXICO CITY–Manuel Luna, 113, technically stopped Agustin "Changa" Macias, 113, in five. Juan Hernandez, 134, bested Agustin Ramirez, 135, ten. Memo Vallejo, 111, TKO'd Victor Palma, 111, in two. Juventino Solis, 123, TKO'd Jorge Medina, 124, in five. Antonio Gallegos, 116, TKO'd Ernesto Morales, 115, in three.

GOMEZ PALACIO, DURANGO–Mario Castro, 120, technically stopped Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 122, in six. Pedro Flores, 112, won by a disqualification over Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, in six. Alfredo Hernandez, 124, TKO'd Hector Escalera, 125, in five.

GUADALAJARA, JALISCO–Juan Graciano, 130, TKO'd Memin Barcenas, 128, in seven.

MEXICO CITY–Pedro Flores, 112, easily outpointed Jose Luis Valencia, 111, ten. Alfonso 'Gato" Ramirez, 119, lost to Marcos Villasana, 124, ten. Agustin "Kimba" Palacios, 117, TKO'd Arturo "Many" Cano, 117, in two. Sergio Sanchez, 142, TKO'd Jesus Hernandez, 143. Gustavo Baleon, 135, TKO'd Ramiro Iniguez, 135, in three.

RINGSIDE IN CHICAGO

By JIM BRADY

CHICAGO–DePaul Alumni Hall–Fighting at home for the first time in his pro career, Johnny Lira, 140, Chicago, poleaxed veteran Tom Tarrantino, 140, Milwaukee, in seven exciting rounds.

No sooner had the bout begun when hard body shots by Lira had doubled Tarrantino up against the ropes. Sensing quick victory, Lira nailed his confused opponent with a sizzling right hand to the chin. Down went Tarrantino in very bad shape. Few in the crowd of 2,500 expected him to get up.

Gamely, Tarrantino staggered erect. Calling on his seven years of experience, Tom clutched and mauled his way out of trouble. But nobody figured the underdog could last beyond round two.

But Tarrantino was awkwardly clever. Instead of trading punches with Lira, he sought simply to survive . . . and maybe catch Lira with a lucky punch.

As the fight progressed, Lira's jabs and combinations began to sap Tarrantino's strength. In round four, a Lira right opened a nasty gash over the journeyman's right eye.

In the fifth round, with blood dribbling down his face, Tarrantino caught Lira with a wild left hook that opened a big cut over Johnny's right eye. Suddenly the tide had changed. Exhorted on by the screaming crowd, Tom grew bolder and began trading punches with his world-ranked foe.

Worried about blowing his ranking as well as his unbeaten record on a TKO, Lira began to fire desperation punches.

Early in the seventh round, Lira finally connected. An overhand right landed flush on Tarrantino's chin. He dropped flat on his back, then lurched drunkenly to his feet. Staggering around the ring, his arms hanging at his sides, Tarrantino then collapsed to the canvas.

The fight was then stopped. Lira's record is now 19-0-1 with eleven knockouts. Tarrantino's ring log slips to a misleading 17-19-2. But Tom claims only two knockout losses on his record: Lira, and a one-round defeat by British lightweight champ Charlie Nash.

Just how good is Johnny Lira? He's well-schooled. He boxes well. He hits hard. But sources question Lira's ability to take a punch. Against top-notch opposition (Andy Gannigan and Larry Stanton) he's been on the deck. As an amateur, he was stopped a few times.

Eventually these questions will be answered. But what is undeniable is that the Lira-Tarrantino fight was one of the best fights seen locally since Ernie Terrell began promoting in 1977.

In the prelims: Luke Capuano, 183, Chicago, stopped Big Bill Jackson, 213½, Indianapolis, in one.

Henry Sims, 171, Chicago, outboxed Gus Turner, 174, Cleveland, in six.

Robert Hughes, 143½ Aurora, Ill., was too fast for Harold Scully, 143, Chicago, over four rounds.

Comebacking Tony Frits, 187, Hammond, Ind., and Lucky Patterson, 175, Chicago, fought to a four-round draw.

In an entertaining exhibition, James "Quick" Tillis, 190, Chicago, and gym mate Young Joe Louis, 191, Chicago, sparred four fast rounds.

CHICAGO–Roberto Torres, 127, Apatsingan, Mexico, scored a mild upset by stopping popular Benny Marques, 127, Chicago, in eight rounds. "Man, oh man," moaned Marques' manager, Jack Cowen. "Can Torres punch.

In the semi-final, Jose Santana, 146, Chicago, stopped veteran Ruben Vasques, Mexico City, Mexico, in the ninth.

Ismael Santana, 121, Chicago, kayoed Luis Sandoval, 120, Tijuana, Mexico, in three.

Ernesto Gonsales, 127, Chicago, was surprisingly held to a ten-round draw by preliminary kid Jose Figuera, 127, New York, N.Y.

A crowd of about one thousand fans attended new promoter Jose Berrios' first card.

Hooks and Jabs . . . Isn't it about time some promoter sued the state regarding the legality of Illinois' ridiculous ten percent tax on all pro boxing and wrestling shows? No other "contact" sport, such as hockey, football, or even amateur boxing, is faced with this legalised rip off. Why pro boxing? Juse because some "blue noses" want to outlaw something, but don't have the courage to do so. Instead they impose damn near a confiscatory tax on the poor hapless promoter. And to add insult to injury, the promoter in Illinois has to pay comission costs (doctor, judges, etc.) in addition to the tax. If Howard Jarvis can get Proposition Thirteen enacted, with its billion dollar ramifications, you can rest assured that a good lawyer and a smart promoter could get this unconscionable and probably unconstitutional tax repealed. . . .State middleweight champ Al Clay got stopped in seven rounds by British king Tony Sibson in England. . . .Globe-trotting Johnie Heard got flattened by actor-fighter Tony "Taxi" Danza in three rounds. . . .Likeable Bobby O'Dowd's heavyweight, Leroy Caldwell, has won eight of his last nine fights.

MINNESOTA AREA NEWS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

Professional boxing in this area is at a complete standstill at the present. St. Paul promoter John Connolly did not renew his license after four failures at the club level . . . Sternberg has cancelled several shows at the Met Center in Bloomington as local headliners are at a premium in Minnesota right now . . . Heavyweight Fred Askew has two ambitions, to enter local politics, and fight Scott LeDoux, whom Askew thinks he can defeat . . . Referee Denny Nelson is still upset over the criticism he took in the Beattie-Askew fight. Nelton is the state's best referee, and he had a perfect right to be upset. Would you believe, one of Minnesota's boxing commissioners had to ask what a neutral corner was concerning the dispute around that fight . . . Three incumbent officers were re-elected at a recent boxing board meeting, Richard Plunkett to chairman, Erv Dauphin to vice chairman, and Jim O'Hara to secretary. Whoopee . . . Minneapolis' Pete Susens is now working with Fred Berns in Indianapolis, as well as with Tom Burns in Winnipeg. Pete made matches in St. Paul for John Connolly before Connolly folded up . . . Look for another Flanagan to be on the local fistic scene very shortly. Jeff Flanagan, Glen's son, is back from military service and will be in the ring in the near future . . . As of this writing, there are no licensed professional boxing promoters in Minnesota . . . Gary Holmgren, St. Paul's tough welterweight of a few years ago, is now taking training to be a St. Paul fireman. Holmgren still wants to fight Rafael Rodriguez. Rodriguez was stopped by Dave Green in eight rounds in London on May 15th. His record is now 23-12-1. The last couple of years have been tough ones for Rafael . . . St. Paul lightweight Russ Newton is a barber in St. Paul . . . Back in 1939, there were over fifty pro fight cards in Minnesota. There were headliners here that year like Harry Thomas, Lee Savold, Billy Miske, Jr., Dick Demaray, Arne Anderson, Billy Gillespie, Marv Wason, Don Espinson, and others. Henry Armstrong defended his NBA welter title in Minneapolis that year. Times have really changed . . . The Crowley twins, from Tipton, Iowa, turned in wins at Belleville, Illinois. Carl kayoed Tony Wooten in two rounds, while brother Tom won an eight round decision over veteran Jerry Strickland . . . St. Paul's Joe Azzone is one of the most knowledgeable boxing men in the state and should be on the state board.

CAPITAL ACTION

By ED SCULLEN

WASHINGTON, D.C.–Novice promoter Jim Denson, in his first-ever boxing event in the District, started off encouragingly when his six-bout charity card, topped by a Bennie Briscoe-Nick Ortiz ten, brought in a crowd of 6,285 paying from $5-$15.

Denson, a local lawyer and Chamber of Commerce bigwig, promoted his show with the help of Network Plus, a group of a dozen District public school officials. An undisclosed portion of the total gate was paid to the schools' athletic fund.

All in all, it was a gala evening, as scores of local celebrities, headed by Mayor Marion Barry, turned out. In the main event, Briscoe, the 36-year-old chrome dome from Philadelphia had no real trouble in disposing of 29-year-old Nick Ortiz, originally from Puerto Rico, now fighting out of Connecticut. Briscoe set the pattern of the fight in the first round when he yo-yoed his opponent's head with powerful, consecutive jabs. As the contest progressed, Ortiz occasionally inspired the crowd with rapid flurrys to the head, but the 83-fight sage covered well, sustaining little damage. Briscoe, who has gone the distance in title bouts with both Carlos Monzon and Rodrigo Valdes, gradually picked up the pace, cutting Ortiz under the right eye in the fifth and then flattening him in the eighth round for the only knockdown of the fight.

Briscoe won going away, but his chances of any further middleweight title bouts, are–in the words of Kipling (and in reality), "one with Nineveh and Tyre"–in other words, it just won't happen. The scoring: referee Joe Bunsa 98-97; judge Norvel Lee 94-90; judge Larry Sneed 97-90.

The five-bout undercard was cut from thirty rounds to just fourteen when four contests ended well short of the distance.

In an opening heavy tilt, George Williams, 206, District, tried for four rounds to land one Alley Oop right to the head against Broderick Mason, 192, Philadelphia. Mason, a smooth, orthodox fighter was having none of it–he raked Williams to the head and body with both hands, staggered his man in the second with a good left hook, and won a unanimous nod. Williams is now 2-3; Mason is 8-3.

Young Charlie Brown, 148, Philadelphia did everything wrong against veteran C. J. Faison, 147½, District, but managed to floor his opponent three times with a baling hook right, the last time at 0:45 of the fourth.

John Cooper, 148, Philadelphia continued the domination of the locals as he floored Tim "Blue" Walker, 145, District, five times enroute to a TKO at 1:13 of the third. As recently as three years ago, Walker had a decision win over highly-regarded Saoul Mamby and appeared destined for bigger things. Now the Washington fighter appears on the way out.

Derrik Holmes, 124½, New Carrollton advanced to 8-0 with a two-round TKO win over Feliz Rodriguez, 132, Puerto Rico. Near the bell, Holmes flattened Rodriguez with a hatchet-like right, and, on his trip to the canvas, the visitor apparently hurt his right elbow and was unable to continue.

A conversation with the promoter several days later revealed that Denson plans big-time boxing at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium.

BALTIMORE, MD.–The long Memorial Day Weekend apparently put a crimp in attendance, as only 1,600 paying customers turned out at the Civic Center to see local junior middle Alvin Anderson bash around Earl Liburd in the ten round main event.

Liburd, the number fifteen U.S. welter, originally from the Virgin Islands but now fighting out of New York, was hardly a match for his 34-year-old foe, who was either rusty or holding himself back. Anderson drubbed the fast-stepping Liburd to the body throughout the fight, staggered the Emile Griffith-trained fighter in the sixth and seventh, but then let the youngster off the hook. Liburd enjoyed the advantage in the third and ninth rounds but his swift combinations to Anderson's head didn't even ruffle the Baltimorean's mustache.

Liburd is now 15-2; Anderson is 27-9-3.

In a co-feature ten, heavyweights George Chaplin and Mike Koranicki performed a virtual "dance of death" in a tedious bout. Chaplin got on top early witha pulverising jab, and then gained more ground with rights to the head. Koranicki occasionally responded with a washer woman's left hook to the body, but was otherwise ineffective. At the end of ten, Koranicki was still erect, but his left eye was closed. The decision was unanimous for Chapman.

Promoters Vince Cala and Dr. Robert Sussman took a highly undeserved black eye when trouble developed with the third bout, which called for Mao DeLaRosa to fight middleweight Fred Boynton in an eight-rounder. DeLaRosa showed up, but the fighter in the other corner was not Boynton. When the matter was brought to the commission, official Jack Cohen immediately called the bout off.

A subsequent investigation, however, turned up no information on who the young imposter might be. The matter is now in the hands of the Maryland Attorney General. The final results of that probe will not be available until July.

In preliminary bouts: Chris Reeder, Baltimore, stopped Ronnie Stevens, New York, at 1:17 of the second and Daryl Braxton, Baltimore, decisioned Louis Butler, Baltimore, over six.

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